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# Volcker opposes class-action lawsuits

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Paul Volcker, who is leading the Jewish-Swiss audit of the dormant Swiss Holocaust accounts, has come out against the American class-action lawsuits facing the Swiss banks, saying the lawsuits could cripple his committee's ability to do its job.

Volcker made his view known in a letter to US District Court Judge Edward Korman, who will hear arguments this week over whether the fed-

eral court has jurisdiction in the cases. The lawsuits might force the public disclosure of the documents the auditors collected from the Swiss banks, Volcker said in his letter, dated Thursday. "Such a possibility will most likely result in a reluctance of Swiss banks — especially the overwhelming majority of Swiss banks who do not see themselves as subject to the jurisdiction of US courts — to cooperate with the work of the committee," he wrote.

The publication last week of the names of 1,800 dormant foreign accounts was seen, in part, as a move by the Swiss banks to preempt the

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suits by publicly demonstrating a "good faith" effort to find the owners of the accounts. The Volcker Committee, formed in

May 1996 under a pact with the WJC and the Swiss Bankers Association, is conducting its audit under a mandate, backed by the Swiss government, that protects bank secrecy.

When the first of the three American lawsuits against the banks was filed in October, they were seen as a slap at the authority of the WJC to represent Jewish interests, as well as an effort to expand the Volcker Committee's mandate. Volcker has forcefully limited his audit to dormant accounts, while some have

been chafing to examine the breadth of Swiss financial ties to the Nazis.

The duel between the Volcker Committee and the lawsuits also masks competition within the Jewish community. There has been an underlying rivalry between the WJC and the Simon Wiesenthal Center over who would be the champion of the cause. The Wiesenthal Center is linked to the lawsuits, while the WJC found itself uncomfortably bound to the Swiss banks by the Volcker Committee.

## 90-year-old murders wife over German compensation

A 90-year-old man stabbed his wife to death at their home in Tel Aviv yesterday, allegedly over a long-running dispute concerning his German compensation payments.

Koppel and Hanna Bechnik, both Holocaust survivors, married in 1954. Koppel lost his wife, parents, and brother during the war, and over the years has allegedly refused to share his monthly reparations payments with Hanna, 81, who had three children from a previous marriage. Heated arguments between the two were well-known in their Mohliver Street apartment block, but no one imagined the arguments might result in murder. Bechnik turned herself in to police after the fatal stabbing yesterday morning. He allegedly confessed to the crime and said, "So what, are they going to give me a life sentence?" (Iim)

## Maccabiah tragedy claims 3rd victim

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

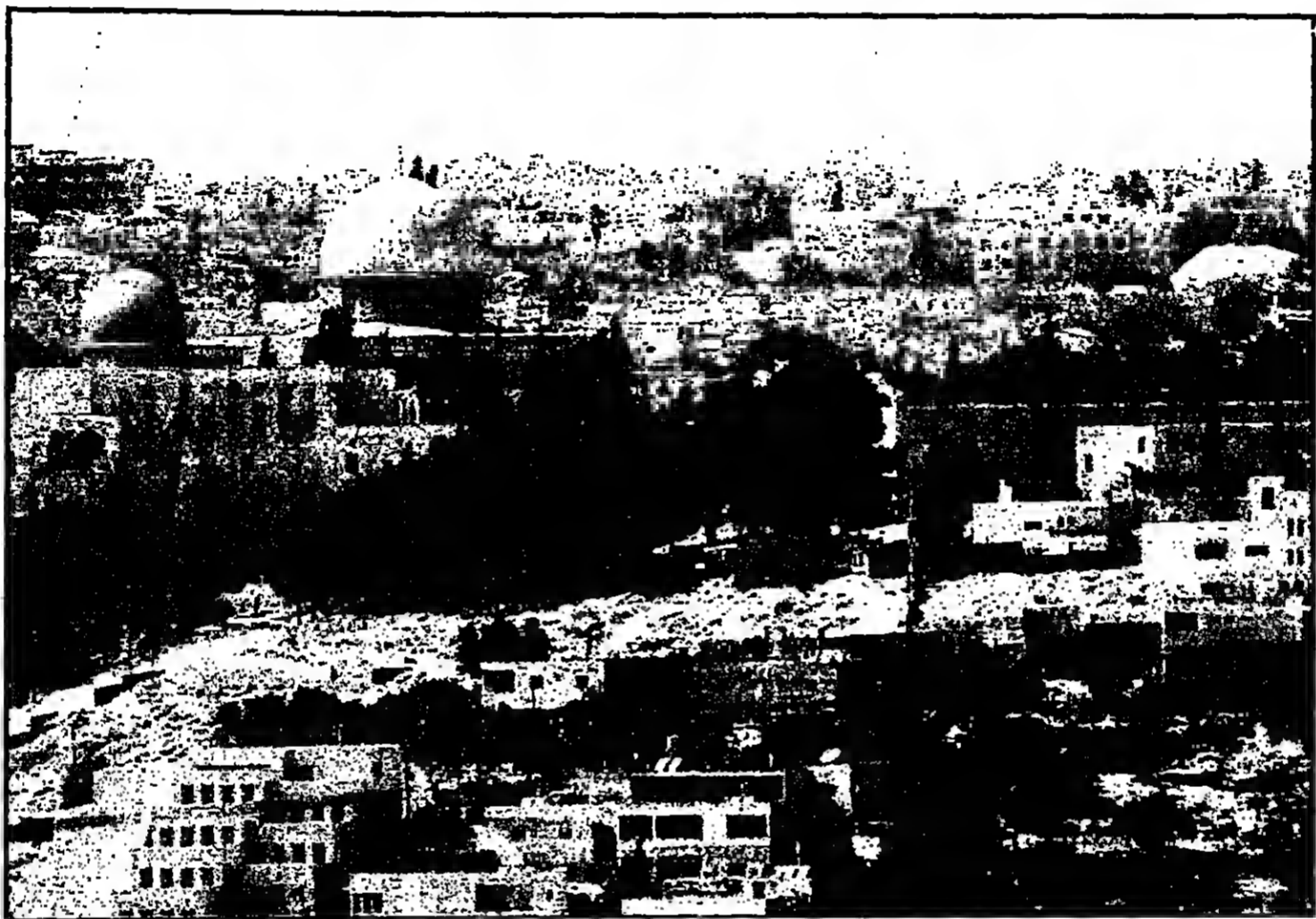
The Maccabiah footbridge tragedy claimed a third victim yesterday when another member of the Australian delegation died in Afula's Emek Hospital of complications from the injuries she suffered.

Elizabeth Sawicki, 47, of Melbourne, died of lung and kidney problems as a result of being immersed in the polluted Yarkon River after the bridge collapsed.

The water had reportedly been sprayed several days earlier with an insecticide to rid the area of mosquitoes and other pests. The material used, however, was found to be harmful to humans even though it was approved by the Environment Ministry.

Sawicki, a member of the Australian bridge playing team, had been in serious condition since the disaster. Her condition deteriorated and she was transferred from Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv to Emek to be put on a special machine to try and clean the poison from her bloodstream. That treatment, however, proved in vain because the damage to her lungs was so extensive.

Sawicki, whose family was at her bedside after flying in from



Temple Mount's golden Dome of the Rock and, to its left, Al-Aksa Mosque as seen from the Mount of Olives neighborhood of Ras al-Amud. (AP)

## Barak praises PM for opposing plan

By LIAT COLLINS

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak yesterday praised Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for coming out against the plan for Jewish housing in Ras al-Amud "even if it did it late." Barak added: "I hope he won't change his opinion in the coming days and will continue to act judiciously to realize our hold in Jerusalem without bringing about violence."

Barak said in response to the project: "We all agree we have the right to build in Jerusalem, in particular on Jewish-owned land, but in the timing, contents, and decision-making process on Ras al-Amud, we see another failing reminiscent of the [Western Wall] Tunnel opening."

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party) said he had documents and minutes of meetings which show that former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek and Barak, while he was interior minister, were convinced there was no reason not to grant the Ras al-Amud project a permit.

MK Ophir Pines (Labor), who co-chairs the Jerusalem caucus in the Knesset strongly criticized Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, saying the aim of the Ras al-Amud plan only could be to torpedo the permanent arrangements.

"After managing to restrain himself for a few months, it seems he cannot control himself any more and has lit another fire in Jerusalem," said Pines, describing the mayor as "an irre-

pressible provocateur." MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), chairman of the Land of Israel Front, said the lobby would meet this week to discuss the Ras al-Amud development.

"If it turns out Netanyahu has a choice between the unity of Jerusalem and the unity of the coalition, he should be aware there is a hard core which will prefer the unity of Jerusalem," Kleiner said.

On the reports that the prime minister has considered a position paper which would establish a Palestinian entity based in the Abu Dis area of Jerusalem, Kleiner said: "I fear he has position papers but doesn't have a position." He accused the Prime Minister's Office of "shooting ideas into the air and then denying them."

## IDF captures wanted terrorist in Tulkarm

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Israeli security forces captured 24-year-old Islamic Jihad terrorist Rassan Mardawi on Thursday afternoon as he sat in a coffee shop in Tulkarm with his sister's husband, Iyad.

According to Channel 1, two IDF undercover soldiers dressed as Arabs sat at a table nearby. "We were sitting at a table when several people walked up and spoke to us in halting Arabic. As soon as they verified who Rassan was, they fell upon us, grabbed Rassan and forced him into a GMC vehicle nearby and sped away from the area," said Iyad.

The IDF action on Palestinian territory drew sharp condemnation from a senior Palestinian official.

"It is a blatant violation of the [peace] agreement, which is not acceptable at all," the official told reporters yesterday.

Mardawi, from the village of Shirweika near Tulkarm, escaped in August 1966 from Ashmore Prison, where he was serving a 17-year sentence for stabbing an Israeli citizen from Acre in September 1960. The IDF Spokesman said Mardawi escaped by digging an 11-

meter tunnel, together with another Islamic Jihad activist, Tawfik Zadan, who fled to Jericho. The spokesman said that almost immediately after his escape, Mardawi renewed his ties with Islamic Jihad, for which he organized terrorist cells and planned attacks to be carried out in Judea and Samaria. In September 1996, the spokesman said, Mardawi was arrested by Palestinian Authority security forces, and a stock of weapons was found in his possession.

The Palestinian Preventive Security Service released him a short while later, the IDF Spokesman said, and since January according to intelligence information, he remained in Tulkarm, where he continued planning terrorist activities and stockpiling weapons. The spokesman added that information regarding Mardawi's whereabouts resulted from the recent questioning of informers by the security forces.

The spokesman noted that, since Friday afternoon, Israelis have been barred from entering the Palestinian town of Kalkilya, in addition to Nablius and Jenin. The spokesman cited "security considerations."

## Palestinian jobless rate remains high — 19%

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) said yesterday the unemployment rate in Palestinian areas remained high in the second quarter of 1997, despite a slight drop from the previous two months.

The bureau had calculated unemployment rates for two-month periods beginning in September 1995. The current survey reflects the bureau's new policy of issuing the figures quarterly. PCBS head Hassan Abu Libdeh said unemployment among Palestinians stood at 18.9 percent in the second quarter of 1997, down from 19.5 percent in February and March of this year.

"Despite the slight decline in the unemployment rate, it is still one of the highest in the world," Abu Libdeh told Reuters. In April-May 1996, unemployment stood at 28.4 percent. This situation is attributed to the fact Israel has periodically sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip for security reasons since parts of those areas came under Palestinian rule in 1994 under the Oslo Accords.

One of the strictest closures was imposed in 1996 after a series of terrorist suicide bombing attacks killed 59 people in Israel. It accounted for higher unemployment rates in 1996. Giving figures for the main Palestinian regions, Abu Libdeh said the unemployment rate in the West Bank stood at 15.6% in the second quarter of 1997, down from 17.7% in the prior two months. Unemployment in the Gaza Strip rose to 26.3% compared to 24.1% in the prior two months. Unemployment in the West Bank in April-May 1996 was 24.3%. It was 39.1% in Gaza in that period.

Abu Libdeh said the productive labor force made up 40.9% of the 2.64 million population of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Jerusalem, and that 16.6% of the productive labor force worked in Israel in the second quarter, compared to 18.6% in February and March.

The security closures have caused a change in Palestinian employment patterns, Abu Libdeh said. "We found that many men have started doing what traditionally were women's jobs, such as working in the textile industry," he added.

(Reuters)

## PM: No building on Ras al-Amud

By JAY BUSHNISKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's aides have informed the US, Egypt, and Jordan that the government will not allow a plan for Jewish housing to go ahead in the Arab neighborhood of Ras al-Amud in Jerusalem.

"The prime minister's people spoke with the representatives of those countries, telling them we are against building at this time," Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak said last night, adding that the same message had been conveyed to the Palestinian Authority.

Today's weekly cabinet meeting will deal with the pan-Arab verbal assault on current Israeli policy, sources said, but only to bring out the ministerial consensus that the Ras al-Amud scheme is ill-conceived and inconsistent with the ongoing effort to rejoin the Palestinians at the negotiating table.

This approach coincides with a decision attributed to Irving Moscovitz, the Miami-based investor, not to go ahead "for the time being" with the controversial development.

Netanyahu's private legal adviser, Yitzhak Molcho, notified PA Chairman Yasser Arafat in a telephone conversation that Netanyahu is opposed to the housing project and will act to prevent it from getting under way. Molcho also informed US peace envoy Dennis Ross of the prime minister's position.

But the head of the PA's negotiating team, Nabil Shaath, said, "Ras al-Amud is going to be a major problem for us."

Referring to the Jerusalem Municipality's decision to approve the project, Faisal Hussein, the PA's senior representative in capital, said it was "another serious provocation and another clear invitation for more clashes and for ending the peace process."

Shaath's and Hussein's remarks followed the PA's weekly cabinet session in Gaza yesterday. Arafat evidently discussed the latest flap with Israel at his meeting in Alexandria yesterday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak — their second in four days. "The impasse confronting the peace process is a result of the actions of the Israeli government," Arafat said, according to Egypt's Middle East News Agency.

Referring to the Ras al-Amud project, Arafat said, "This is another attempt by [Jerusalem Mayor Ehud] Olmert to torpedo the peace process and to undo the achievements made through European Union mediation."

The prime minister's director of communications, David Bar-Ilan, said the storm of objections being generated by the PA is "artificial" and totally bereft of reason, in view of the fact that the prime minister "did something that never was done before — made the project stop."

Bar-Ilan contended that Moscovitz has a legal right to build, if only because the land he purchased had been owned by Jews "for the past 100 years" and that he "bought it from Jews."

However, Bar-Ilan allowed for Jerusalem's unique character as "a city of ethnic and religious mosaics rather than a melting pot," in which

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there are distinct residential quarters inhabited along these lines. He regards Ras al-Amud as "a densely populated" Arab neighborhood whose composition need not be altered under the present circumstances.

In an apparent bid to make sure his words are turned into deeds, Netanyahu asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein during the weekend to determine the legal grounds on the basis of which the Ras al-Amud construction might be stayed off for the time being.

Olmert was quoted by the Itim news agency as saying he does not know how the prime minister could prevent the decision to build at Ras al-Amud from being implemented.

He said a municipal committee had endorsed the project on Thursday. The mayor noted that in 1993, under his predecessor Teddy Kollek, the committee had approved Moscovitz's request to plan and build 132 housing units on a 70-dunam tract.

He explained that when the interior minister failed to grant his personal approval due to the sector's political sensitivity, Moscovitz asked the municipality for permission to build on a smaller scale. He noted that the committee chairman, Deputy Mayor Uri Lupolianski, had obtained a legal decision according to which there is no basis to deny the request.

Olmert also stressed that the complex would go up at the foot of the Mount of Olives and not in the heart of Ras al-Amud.

Olmert said the municipality approves building requests by Arabs as well. As an example, he told of a Palestinian American named Munir Sabah al-Masri who purchased a structure near the Flower Gate.

"He, too, is an American like Moscovitz," Olmert went on, "and I do not remember anyone making a big drama out of this."

He said he conferred this week with a delegation of Arab teachers who want to build 58 housing units in Beit Hanina. They will receive the requisite permit, he said.

Israeli-Palestinian contacts were due to resume today with Foreign Minister David Levy meeting Shaath as part of their joint effort to revive the bilateral negotiating process.

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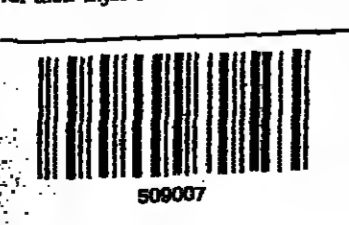
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NEWS

in brief

Man allegedly murders girlfriend

Luba Rabinovitch, 21, was shot dead last night, allegedly by her boyfriend, who then tried to commit suicide. He is in serious condition at a Jerusalem hospital.

Five die in weekend road accidents

Five people were killed and numerous injured on the roads over the weekend. Moshe Hakim, 28, was killed yesterday morning and another person was seriously injured while sitting in a stationary car near Ness Ziona when another car drove off the road and rammed into them.

Two drown over weekend

An unidentified 40-year-old man drowned off the Dor Beach in Haifa yesterday afternoon. His body was found by a fisherman in a boat about 150 meters from the coast.

Palestinian group protests professor's detention

A Palestinian human rights group said yesterday that the Palestinian Authority's continued detention of a Gaza professor without charge was a fundamental violation of human rights.

Bezeq strike ends

Bezeq workers agreed to return to work, following a six-hour meeting that ended at 4 a.m. on Friday between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Ministers Ya'acov Ne'eman, Limor Livnat, and Michael Eitan, and Hisadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz.

'Humorous' memorial posters enrage families

Posters put up in Ramat Gan advertising a "festive and humor-filled" memorial ceremony for the 73 victims of February's air force helicopter collision have outraged the bereaved families.

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Woman wounded in SLA shelling

By DAVID RUDGE

A Lebanese woman was wounded and at least one Katyusha rocket hit a village inside the security zone in sporadic fighting in Lebanon yesterday.

Both Israel and Lebanon were expected to lodge complaints over the incidents to the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group.

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remained on full alert in the zone and along the northern border in case of any escalation.

The fighting began in the early hours of the morning, when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire with Sagger anti-tank missiles and machine guns at two SLA outposts in the Rashaf region in the western sector of

the zone.

Hizbullah gunmen also fired long-range mortars at SLA positions in the Soujud and Ghazlan areas, in the eastern sector. There were no military casualties in any of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Also during the morning, SLA troops spotted Hizbullah gunmen in the area of Kafr Huneh, in the eastern sector of the zone and opened fire, leading to heavy exchanges.

Reports from Lebanon said a 70-year-old woman was moderately wounded by an SLA artillery shell that fell near her home in Sochmore village, north of the zone. One news agency report said the woman was walking near the home of a leading Hizbullah official in the village when the

shell exploded nearby. This report indicated that the Hizbullah official, who was not at home at the time, was the intended target.

According to the reports, the incident apparently occurred during the exchanges between SLA gunners and Hizbullah gunmen in the Kafr Huneh area.

The IDF was said to be checking the reports, although military sources said it is unlikely the woman was hurt by SLA fire, because Sochmore is over six kilometers from the fighting around Huneh.

Hizbullah fired Katyusha rockets at SLA positions in the eastern sector of the zone in what it said was retaliation for the wounding of the Lebanese woman.

There were no casualties in the incident, although military sources said at least one Katyusha rocket hit the Druse village of

Kawkabeh, inside the zone. The sources said this was a violation of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

The military sources stressed that IDF and SLA gunners did not respond to Hizbullah's Katyusha fire, despite the provocation. The fighting died down later in the evening.

Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers reported on Friday that anti-SLA posters and placards had been appearing in the Christian town of Jezzine and nearby villages, which are north of the zone.

The enclave, controlled by troops loyal to SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, has been the focus of a recent wave of Hizbullah attacks, especially roadside bombings. The attacks have apparently been aimed at undermining the support of residents for the IDF and its SLA ally.

PA Police detains hikers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Eleven settlers from Karmel Tzur who were hiking in Wadi a-Nakor, south of Hebron, on Friday morning were detained by scores of armed Palestinian Police and Palestinian Preventive Security forces.

The hikers had planned to visit pools in the wadi, situated in Area B which is defined by the Oslo Agreement as a Palestinian area that falls under Israeli security control. Uniformed, armed Palestinian Police are forbidden from entering the area.

The IDF Spokesman stated on Friday that had the hikers coordinated the trip with them in advance the incident may have been prevented.

The hikers, several of whom were armed, were approached by a group of Palestinian Police and asked to stop their trek. When they refused, scores of Palestinian police and security forces, some armed with Kalashnikovs, surrounded them and prevented them from going on. A dispute ensued.

One of the hiker's members alerted Danny Kapah, head of security in the Har Hebron area, who immediately contacted local IDF forces and the Hebron DCO.

The deputy IDF Commander in Judea contacted his Palestinian counterpart who said he had received orders from high up to disarm the hikers. After prolonged discussions, IDF troops were permitted to enter the site where the hikers were surrounded - although the area is under Israeli security control.

The troops accompanied the hikers to Hebron where they were questioned by Israeli police and released after several hours. Due to Palestinian claims that some of the hikers had fired shots in the area, police have confiscated their weapons for ballistic testing.

The IDF Spokesman reiterated that anyone wishing to hike in Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley must coordinate their trips with the IDF in advance and travel in groups of no less than 15. For more information regarding hiking restrictions and coordination, call 02-5305252.



Moslem solidarity

Angry Kenyan Moslems burn the Israeli flag outside Israel's consulate in Mombasa on Friday. Thousands of Moslems showed their anger over Tatianna Susskin's poster depicting the Prophet Mohammed as a pig in Hebron last month by marching through downtown Mombasa shouting, "Death to Jews, death to Israel, God is great!"

Arafat expected to shake up cabinet

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is expected to order a cabinet shakeup and replace several ministers, as well as his Police Insp.-Gen. Ghazi Jabali, who Israel has accused of organizing terror squads to attack Jewish settlers.

The Palestinian weekly Al-Bilad reported that the shakeup will include the reentry of some of those who had left the cabinet. The newspaper asserts that Mustafa Barghouti will replace Bashir Barghouti as industry minister. Emil Jarusi will become tourism minister, succeeding Elias Freij who resigned two months ago. Khalid al-Qidrah, the former attorney-general, will become an adviser of Arafat.

Ziad Abu Ziad will replace Yasser Amr as education minister. Hani al-Hassan will become interior minister and Madjid al-Agha will be responsible for an arm of the Palestinian security services.

The newspaper says Jabali will be dismissed from his position, as Israel has demanded in the

wake of the arrest of three policemen and two colonels who were part of a ring Jabali allegedly organized to attack Israelis around Nablus.

Ali Jirbawi, a professor of political science at Bir Zeit University, said the shakeup has become urgent in the wake of the findings of an Arafat-appointed committee that exposed widespread corruption in the PA. He urged that Arafat place those ministers accused of corruption on trial.

"The Palestinian citizens who live in the autonomy must feel safe in their relations with the PA," said Jirbawi, who is also general director of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens Rights.

But Ghassan Khatib, director of the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center, did not appear impressed by the prospects of a reshuffle in Arafat's cabinet.

"Arafat now is not interested in making internal corrections," he said. "The most important thing for the PA chairman is to realize progress in the peace process."

The report of a PA shakeup came amid

reports of yet another Palestinian being arrested and held without charges. Mohammed Bakr was taken from his home in the Samaritan village of Kiri and has been held since June 30. He has been detained in Nablus prison and accused of collaboration.

The International Christian Embassy said Bakr has been tortured as part of a Palestinian campaign to persecute Christians in Samaria.

Bakr is one of several dozen Moslems who over the last decade have converted to Christianity.

"We demand the immediate release of Mohammed Bakr and guarantees of safety for him and his family," the embassy said in a statement last week. "Further, we urge government and church leaders worldwide to condemn the Palestinian Authority for this deplorable campaign of abuse against religious freedom and human rights."

The embassy said Western donor nations should withhold funding and conduct an immediate investigation into the Bakr arrest and other human rights violations by the PA.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAL YUDELMAN

The consensus in the Hebrew media is that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu slipped badly when he voted for reinforcing the Golan law last week, and in fact walked into a trap laid for him by Tsomet MK Eliezer Zandberg.

Yediot Aharonot's Shimon Shiffer reports from Brussels how Foreign Minister David Levy watched the vote snatched in the Knesset with stunned disbelief, how Netanyahu - who opposed the bill - voted in favor of it, and how Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who announced the cabinet's opposition to the bill, then voted in support of it.

Levy described the incident as "a terrible humiliation to Bibi" and spoke of the trick Zandberg played on Netanyahu. Netanyahu only wanted to express solidarity with the Golan, and was sure the bill wouldn't pass. He was wrong.

Levy said what happened in the Knesset is unparalleled by anything in the world: "a cabinet which knowingly puts restraints on itself before the negotiations with Syria." Levy also expressed fear that Netanyahu's conduct would arouse doubts on the Syrians' side as to his ability to reach an agreement. "Assad may reach the conclusion that Netanyahu is not in control," writes Shiffer.

A Ha'aretz editorial sees the ministers' and prime minister's vote on the Golan bill one more example in a long line of severe government malfunctioning.

Uzi Benziman of Ha'aretz states that Netanyahu fell straight into the provocation laid for him in the Knesset. Netanyahu did not really mean to legislate the reinforcement of the Golan law, but lost control of things. "The

impression is that Netanyahu merely wanted to flirt with the Golan settlers and their political lobby. But something in his calculations went haywire: he assumed the bill would be rejected, but wanted to be registered as one who supported it. As in previous cases, reality slapped him in the face," says Benziman.

Does he internalize warnings? Benziman also writes of the intelligence warnings Netanyahu receives from the GSS and military intelligence regarding the danger of provocations on the part of Jewish settlers in Hebron and of the winds of war in the Syrian army. In both cases Benziman wonders whether the prime minister internalizes these warnings and to what extent they influence his decisions.

The GSS and military heads are concerned by the possibility that the Hebron settlers may engage in provocations intended deliberately to cause a confrontation that will inflame the territories. As for the Syrian issue, the estimates lead military intelligence to the conclusion that Syria is preparing for war. Netanyahu and the political echelon receive the estimates, but is not clear to what extent Netanyahu internalizes the data. More than once he has told the security heads their diagnoses are wrong, because the security disaster they predict wasn't happening.

An accident called Hanegbi In a section entitled "An accident named Hanegbi" in his article "Six Comments on the Situation," Ha'aretz journalist Yoel Marcus says no matter how you look at the now-defunct association headed by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, from

which he drew a salary and car, it doesn't smell of integrity or virtuous conduct.

"It's a new thing that an MK receives money on the side to fulfill his duty in the Knesset," Marcus quotes former Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss.

Marcus notes that the association, which was supposed to act to reduce traffic accidents, "not only did not reduce the number of accidents, but also caused one of the worst accidents ever to occur in the state since its foundation: the appointment of Hanegbi, a political hoodlum, an inciter, a liar, and a lawbreaker, as justice minister of Israel."

Morav's Sima Kadmon analyzes Hanegbi's income reports to the Knesset, which he split into two parts, for 1995 and 1996, although he received most of the money in 1996, so that he could report a sum not exceeding half his annual Knesset income, the legal limit. Not only did Hanegbi stretch the law cynically to its limits by reporting an annual sum of NIS 60,947.30, exactly 11 agorot less than the maximum permitted, but the reason he gave for the delay in his wages was the association's "lack of funds."

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# US envoy said to see uphill battle on Cambodia

**By CAROL GIACOMO**

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — US envoy Stephen Solaz found some flexibility among key players in the Cambodian crisis, including strongman Hun Sen, but believes achieving a settlement is an uphill battle, a US official said yesterday.

Solaz, chosen by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to undertake a fact-finding mission to Asia on the Cambodia crisis, reported to her yesterday.

The US goal is to work with the Association of South East Asian Nations on its initiative to find a political solution in Cambodia, where Hun Sen, the country's second prime minister, on July 6 ousted Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the first prime minister.

Solaz is "not overly optimistic that an agreement will be achieved," said the US official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

But he is more encouraged than when he began his mission.

The US side is encouraged that ASEAN has undertaken a serious initiative to try to forge a political settlement between the rival parties in Cambodia, US officials said.

One official called the ASEAN initiative the "best and perhaps last chance" for peacefully resolving the crisis and said the US could not be successful if it took on such a challenge by itself.

Because of ASEAN's role in the 1991 Paris accords that brought peace to Cambodia and its growing regional importance, the group has "presumptive standing" on this issue, he said.

Solaz's conversations with key Cambodian players suggested some flexibility, the official added.

For instance, Ranariddh has indicated that he would be able to accept a replacement as first prime minister as long as he makes the appointment, not Hun Sen, the official said.

# Worst of German floods could be over

Firefighters struggled against walls of flames near Marseille yesterday as people fled homes to escape blazes that have charred more than 1,500 hectares (3,750 acres) of forest and scrubland.

Hampered by gusting winds, about 1,500 firefighters battled for a second day against the worst fires near the Mediterranean port in five years, backed by 500 fire engines and 20 planes scooping water from the sea and dumping it on the blazes.

"I've been a fireman for 10 years but I've never felt as useless as today. We put out one fire here, another starts there," one firefighter said.

Meanwhile in Germany, aid workers and local residents in the Oder river valley breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as round-the-clock efforts to reinforce dikes held off some of the heaviest floods in decades.

Sunny skies and forecasts of improving weather in the coming days gave cause for hope on both sides of the Oder (Odra) river that divides Germany and Poland that the worst could be over.

Flames licked at the outskirts of the villages of Plan-de-Cuques, Aubagne and Allauch yesterday as the fires advanced across fronts several kilometers wide.

Nine firefighters were treated in hospital for burns and smoke inhalation. And about 250 people — firefighters and civilians — were treated on the spot for minor injuries.

Veering winds gusting at more than 100 kph fanned the blazes, lifting sparks over fire breaks. And flames leapt about 20 metres high.

Some residents used garden hoses to spray the walls of their homes in an apparently vain bid to slow the flames. The region has been tinder dry in recent weeks.

"We lost everything," said one old age pensioner in the village of

# Fires hit southern France



Firemen fight against a forest fire at the Betheline cross near Marseille yesterday. (Reuters)

Chateau-Gombert. "The fire burst into my garden. I didn't have time to react. My car was destroyed in two minutes. I don't even know if my two dogs escaped." "We're almost helpless. With such a violent wind, the fire does what it wants," one firefighter said.

"Tell people we did everything possible. Everything," another firefighter with slightly burnt hands said. "But sometimes the fire is too strong. People must know that, even if we're facing a catastrophe, things could have been worse." Two extra fires broke out overnight, adding two more fronts to the original blaze that erupted on Friday in a rubbish dump near a pine forest in the Septemes-les-Vallons north of the city.

Marseille mayor Jean-Claude

Gaudin demanded an inquiry into the cause of the fire. "This dump is not in the Marseille commune. The public prosecutor and the justice system will have to clear up what happened."

"Insurers will of course turn to the owners of this dump, and also to the commune where it is situated," he told reporters.

A new fire broke out near Salon-de-Provence about 40 km to the northwest on yesterday, raising fears it could burn uncontrolled because local firefighters were reinforcing colleagues around Marseille.

Thousands of German soldiers meanwhile spent last night filling 200,000 sandbags on the banks of the Oder in Hohenvutzen, reinforcing the dike and stopping leaks.

The floods that have claimed about 100 lives this month in neighboring Poland and the Czech Republic had been causing the dike to crumble, threatening to flood the fertile Oderbruch plain with unforeseeable consequences for the region.

Local officials said yesterday the situation had stabilized in the plain, where the swollen river threatened to burst a 70-km-long dike and flood some 250 square km of fertile farmland.

"The greatest danger is over," said Hans-Peter Troemel, head of emergency operations in Bad Freienwalde, but added that it was impossible to know how long the situation would hold.

Further south in Wiesenau and Zittendorf houses were submerged up to the rooftops.

In Poland, officials said flood levels were receding and expressed hope that there would be no new floods because rains overnight were not as heavy as had been expected.

But even if it stopped raining for several days and the river ceased rising, Matthias Platzeck, Brandenburg state environment minister, said the race against time was not over.

"Until the water is a good meter lower we cannot speak of sounding the all-clear," he said. "It is a matter of time because of the pressure on the dikes from 11 days of floods."

Finance Minister Theo Waigel said the government might consider boosting a 200-million-mark flood aid fund if needed and Interior Minister Manfred Kanther toured the area. (News agencies)

# Malaysian leader: Soros behind currency attacks

**By HAFI S. MAMAM**

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Malaysia's prime minister named US financier George Soros yesterday as the man he believes is behind a recent wave of speculative attacks on Southeast Asian currencies that have driven down their value.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has been saying all week that an American billionaire was responsible for the region's currency problems, but had refused to name anyone. Press reports said Soros was clearly the target of Mahathir's accusations.

"Today, I am confirming that George Soros is the man that I was talking about," Mahathir told reporters.

Mahathir said Soros was using his financial might in an effort to hurt countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and keep them from admitting Burma as a member of the group because of its human rights record.

Soros has denied his Open Society Foundation, which promotes democracy in Burma, has any connection or influence on his financial dealings.

Burma was admitted to ASEAN on Wednesday over the opposition of the United States and some



Soros: Accused of speculative attacks on Southeast Asian currencies. (Tan Ousentany/Reuters)

local banks as well as outsiders have been involved in the selling.

ASEAN foreign ministers, meeting in Kuala Lumpur, expressed strong concern Friday about the currency instability and said they would cooperate in fighting the speculation.

Mahathir called the declines "very serious" said as a result "the poor people in these countries will suffer, and these are the people that have to be protected from George Soros, who has so much money and power but is totally thoughtless." He added: "We have worked 20 to 40 years to develop our countries to this level and along comes the man with a few billion US dollars and within a period of two weeks, he has undone almost (all) the work we have done."

Not all ASEAN officials agree the plunges were caused by a deliberate political attack.

"I don't think this is the case," said Philippine Foreign Secretary Domingo Siason. Rather, he said, fund managers — mostly Westerners — have been targeting currencies in Southeast Asia to make profits.

"I can't speak for George Soros," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said yesterday. "But I don't think there's any conspiracy at work here."

# 250 held in 'Frisco bicycle rally

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — More than 250 people were arrested on Friday after a huge San Francisco bicycle rally took an ugly turn, with some riders clashing with police and motorists.

"It totally got out of hand," San Francisco Police Officer Mary Heffernan said.

A route through the city was mapped out for the estimated 6,000 riders who took part in the rally, held on the last Friday of each month to promote bicycles as an alternative to cars.

Police planned to escort the riders along the designated route, to keep car traffic away and to let the bicyclists pass through red lights much like a parade. However, thousands of bicyclists veered off the planned route onto busy streets, bringing traffic across San Francisco to a standstill.

Police arrested at least 250 riders. Two police officers were injured.

# Fujimori not born in Japan — uncle

TOKYO (Reuters) — An uncle of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori yesterday angrily denied media reports in Lima that the head of state was born in Japan.

The Peruvian constitution requires presidents to be born in Peru.

"I was surprised at the reports," Kiyoshi Minami, one of Fujimori's uncles, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"Why do they have to fabricate stories and slander him?" said the 83-year-old uncle, who lives in Ube, western Japan.

The Peruvian weekly magazine

Caretas questioned the authenticity of documents stating Fujimori — the 38-year-old son of Japanese immigrants — was born in Peru and whether he was born in Japan.

The caretas report, based on a four-year investigation, showed documents which allegedly altered information on Fujimori's birthdate and suggested he may have entered Peru from Japan after he was born.

Minami said Fujimori's father, Naoichi, "temporarily" returned to Japan in 1934 to seek a bride.

"He visited Japan in 1934 to get married to Mitsue Inomoto from

Kumamoto. The couple left Yokohama port for Peru in August of the same year," Minami said.

"I stayed with the couple at an inn for one night in Yokohama just the day before their departure by ship for Peru," he said. "It is crystal clear that they did not have a baby or child at that time," he added.

He said neither Fujimori's father nor mother had returned to Japan until after the end of World War Two.

In Lima on Friday, Fujimori's family lawyer Sandro Fuentes also said the president was born in Peru, on July 28, 1938.

# Scientists produce human stem cells

BALTIMORE (Reuters) — Scientists at Johns Hopkins University have developed the first laboratory cultures of human stem cells — unspecialized cells that can grow to form all the different cells and tissues of the body.

The breakthrough may pave the way to the eventual laboratory production of human tissues, such as heart muscle or nerve cells, that have been lost to disease or injury, the researchers said in a release issued late Friday.

It could also allow scientists to introduce changes into the genetic code that are passed from one generation to the next, although any such research would be prohibited at Johns Hopkins.

Such "germline" mutations have already been pro-

duced in mice.

"We will not perform any experiments aimed at genetically engineering the human germline in my lab or anywhere at Hopkins — it is not ethically acceptable," said Dr. John D. Gearhart, a professor of genetics and obstetrics at Johns Hopkins and lead researcher on the project.

The developments were first disclosed during a session on the ethics of cloning and stem cell research at a recent International Congress of Developmental Biology.

Gearhart said he had chosen the forum so the process of establishing ethical guidelines for this type of research could begin immediately.

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# Lowest-caste Hindu new Indian president

By JOHN F. BURNS

NEW DELHI (NY Times) — Half a century after Mohandas K. Gandhi led India to independence with a vision of a society that would rid itself of its ancient system of caste discrimination, a member of Hinduism's lowest caste took the oath Friday as the country's president and declared his elevation as proof that "the concerns of the common man" have finally taken precedence in the nation's affairs.

K.R. Narayanan, a 76-year-old former scholar, diplomat and cabinet minister who once served as India's ambassador to the United States, was chosen for the ceremonial post last week by an electoral college comprising all the country's federal and state lawmakers.

While others have risen to be senior cabinet ministers, top judges and high-ranking military officers, Narayanan is the first to realize Gandhi's standard of proof that India was finally resolved to stamp out the humiliations of the caste system — the election of an untouchable as president.

Real power in India rests with an elected prime minister and cabinet. But at a time when India seems destined to elect a politically unstable coalition government, some Indians believe that his power to appoint the prime minister and the cabinet, judging who is most likely to be able to command a majority in parliament, could see Narayanan emerge as a crucially important political figure.

For the 150 million Indians who call themselves Dalits, a Hindi word meaning "the oppressed" that is now commonly used when referring to untouchables, Narayanan's story has the elements of a fable.

He grew up in the southern state of Kerala in the 1930s at a time when untouchables were routinely denied the right to enter Hindu temples, draw water from wells reserved for Brahmins and other members of the higher castes, or walk along some village pathways; those restrictions still apply, even if they are unlawful, in many of India's 650,000 villages.

Because he was an outstanding student, rising from five-mile walks to a village primary school to top academic honors at the London School of Economics, Narayanan found a way around obstacles that even today, consign many low-caste Indians to lives of social degradation.

But well into adult life, he endured humiliations that would be

recognizable to any untouchable, including an occasion when a university official in Kerala took exception to his wearing a silk-trimmed academic gown to classes, standard among Indian students of the time but judged unsuitable for a low-caste person who would traditionally have been restricted to scanty clothes like the loincloth that Gandhi often wore.

So Friday, the television images of Narayanan taking office had powerful symbolism all across India. Dressed in a cream-colored, high-buttoned suit of the kind named for Jawaharlal Nehru, the prime minister who approved Narayanan's entry into the Indian foreign service over the objections of high-caste officials, he rode in the gilded carriage once used by Britain's viceroys, pulled by six gleaming horses and protected from the beating sun of the Indian summer by a red-and-gold parasol.

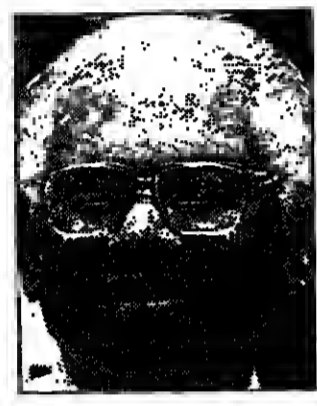
In his address in the ornate Central Hall of India's Parliament, Narayanan, who previously served as vice president, began with a salute to the lawmakers who chose him in a ballot last week in which he won 95 percent of the more than 4,200 votes cast.

"That the nation has found a consensus for its highest office in someone who has sprung from the grass-roots of our society and grown up in the dust and heat of this sacred land is symbolic of the fact that the concerns of the common man have now moved to the center stage of our social and political life," he said. "It is this larger significance of my election rather than any personal sense of honor that makes me rejoice on this occasion."

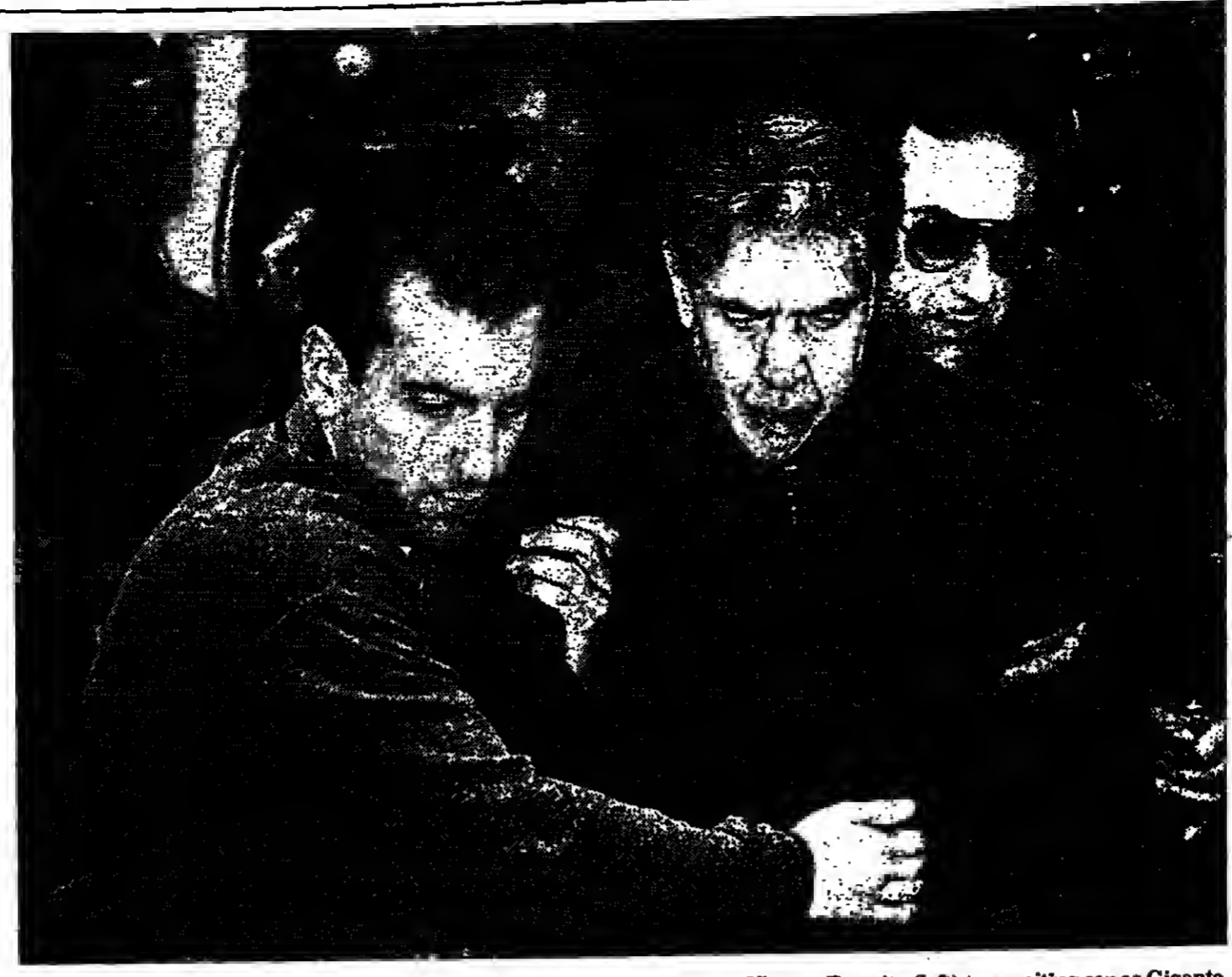
With barely three weeks to go to the 50th anniversary of India's independence from Britain, he recalled Gandhi's ambition that a free India would "wipe every tear from every eye" by eliminating the country's ancient scourges, including poverty, disease, illiteracy and caste discrimination — ills that are still pervasive, leaving India close to the bottom of virtually every international index of social progress.

Among other things, India's official statistics say nearly 350 million of the country's 960 million people still live in deep poverty.

Many Indian commentators argued that there was tokenism in Narayanan's appointment, and others said Narayanan had been co-opted by the Brahmins and other upper-caste Indians who still dominate in the country's politics, civil service and top corporations.



New Indian President K.R. Narayanan (Reuters)



Reputed mob boss Vincent "The Chin" Gigante (center) is helped by his son Vincent Esposito (left) to a waiting car as Gigante left a New York townhouse on his way to Brooklyn Federal Court on Friday. (Reuters)

## 'Oddfather' mob boss convicted

By BLAINE HARDEN

NEW YORK (The Washington Post) — Vincent "Chin" Gigante, the mob boss known as the "Oddfather" for his aimless rambles around Greenwich Village in a bathrobe while appearing to be mentally ill, was convicted Friday of racketeering and two counts of conspiracy to murder.

Gigante, who looked up but showed no emotion when the verdict was read, was ordered to turn himself in to a federal prison hospital in North Carolina where he will be held for 30 days of examination and treatment.

The convictions, for which Gigante could serve 30 years, amount to a virtual life sentence for the 69-year-old defendant, whose lawyers claim is too incoherent to participate in his own defense. He has appeared in court during the past month in a wheelchair while intermittently muttering to himself.

Federal prosecutors have long described Gigante as the cunning boss of the Genovese New York crime family. The government has also insisted — and a federal jury of eight women and four men apparently agreed Friday — that Gigante has been acting for years when he appeared in public to be out of his mind.

Witnesses in the month-long trial testified that Gigante gave strict orders, punishable by death, to his underlings that they were never to mention his name or nickname in any discussions of mob business. Apparently aware that federal tape recordings have led to convictions of many top Mafia leaders, witnesses said that mobsters referred to Gigante only

as "that guy," while touching their chin.

"He has embarked on a determined crusade to elude prosecution by putting on a charade of mental incompetence," US Attorney Zachary Carter said after the verdict.

Gigante's doctor said after the verdict that his patient "was unaware of what's going on." Bernard Weschler said Gigante had an attack of high blood pressure before the verdict and was given Thorazine and Valium. "People are crying all around him, and he doesn't know what's happening now," Weschler said.

As part of one of the most costly and time-consuming mob investigations this decade, the federal government invested more than seven years in its effort to put Gigante in prison. Carter said that Gigante's conviction will have "a devastating impact on the operations of the Genovese family and organized crime generally." Andrew Weissmann, the assistant US attorney who was chief courtroom prosecutor in the case, described Gigante as "the last of the long-term organized crime bosses in New York City. Anyone else that takes over now will not have that history or power hold on the rest of the city."

The government, though, did not win on the seven murder charges that were at the heart of much of the testimony by a parade of 12 FBI agents and six turncoat mobsters. The witnesses apparently failed to persuade the jury that Gigante had ordered the murders, six of them related to a Philadelphia gang war in the early 1980s.

Most of the mobsters' testimony — while rich with Mafia lore and spiced with details about Gigante supposedly ordering gangsters

to be "whacked" — was based on second- and third-hand information. Only Peter Savino, a onetime Genovese associate, directly tied Gigante to a crime, saying that "Chin" ordered the murder of a teenage hoodlum in 1983, but then took the order back.

At times, US District Judge Jack Weinstein scolded the prosecution for presenting a "snake" case. Indeed, Gigante's lawyers were so confident that the government had failed to make a convincing case that they astonished courtroom observers by resting their case this week without calling a single witness for the defense.

Defense attorney Michael Marinaccio promised an appeal and described the jury's verdict as a "gross injustice" based on "a mountain of hearsay." He said members of the jury had been biased by hearing a lifetime of stories about the Mafia.

"We think that there was a great deal of prejudice that we had to overcome," Marinaccio said. "Perhaps the jury wasn't able to put aside what they believed coming to the case about organized crime in general and Mr. Gigante in particular."

The star witness in the government's case was Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, confessed murderer of 19 and a former number two man in the Gambino crime family. But Gravano, a key to the 1992 conviction of Gotti, failed to directly link Gigante to a single murder. Also, his credibility was damaged by defense lawyers who pointed out discrepancies between his testimony and a best-selling book, *Underboss*, from which Gravano has made more than \$250,000.

## Irish priest gets 12 years for child sex abuse

DUBLIN (NY Times) — In a case that scandalized this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country, the Rev. Brendan Smyth was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison after his conviction in 74 instances of sexual abuse of 20 young people over 36 years.

Smyth, 71, finished serving four

years in a prison in Northern Ireland four months ago for similar offenses. He has become notorious not only for his actions, but also for the fact that in 1994 his case caused the collapse of the government of Prime Minister Albert Reynolds.

Reynolds was forced to resign after disclosures that his attorney-general, Harry Whelahan, had delayed processing requests from

the British authorities in Northern Ireland for the priest's extradition.

The case also caused embarrassment for the Catholic hierarchy, which was widely castigated for having failed to discipline Smyth when credible complaints were made against him by parents whose children had been abused. The church responded by moving him from parish to parish, hoping, church officials said, that he would reform.

Cardinal Cahal Daly, the former primate of Ireland, apologized to the victims three years ago, saying the cases brought him to tears.

The church has since issued guidelines for bishops to be used to identify and act on complaints of child abuse.

Some of the victims in this case are expected to claim money damages from the church for the priest's actions.

## Cosby 'daughter' guilty of extortion

By PAULA SPAN

NEW YORK (The Washington Post) — Autumn Jackson put her face in her hands and sobbed uncontrollably in federal court Friday as a jury pronounced her guilty of attempting to extort \$40 million from the man she claimed was her father, Bill Cosby.

"How could they? How could they?" she cried to her attorney Robert Baum afterward. He described her as "absolutely devastated." But the jurors, emerging from three days of deliberations, told reporters they had found the government's evidence against the 22-year-old overwhelming.

"We felt very badly for Autumn," said juror Julie DeLeon, a 28-year-old lawyer. "She was victimized by her mother and her grandmother, who had told her since childhood that America's dad was her dad, too. But she was an adult and she knew what she was doing."

When sentenced on October 22, Jackson could receive up to 12 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines, but probably won't. She has no previous criminal record.

Though jurors said they had followed the judge's instructions to ignore the question of whether Cosby was Jackson's biological father, her attorney said he might introduce "additional evidence related to paternity" prior to sentencing. It was even possible, he said, that Jackson could file a paternity suit against Cosby.

The relationship between those two figures in this drama dominated the proceedings, particularly the closing arguments earlier this week.

Was Autumn Jackson "naive ... a petulant child," as her attorney said, or the predator the government claimed? Was Cosby the lovable paterfamilias America knew from television, or a less heartwarming character? Who deserved sympathy? To the government, the only victim was Cosby, who insists he is not Autumn's father. On the witness stand, he acknowledged a brief affair with Autumn Jackson's mother 20-odd years ago. Fearing disclosure of that fact, he had been spending her money — more than \$100,000, he testified — ever since.

"The fact that he was rich and famous and vulnerable is what made him such an inviting target," prosecutor Paul Engelmayer said in his summation to the jury.

Here was a generous, education-minded multimillionaire who, despite his eroding patience with the demands of mother and daughter, nevertheless offered Jackson college tuition, \$200 a week in spending money, even a used car. He was, Engelmayer said, "giving Autumn Jackson another chance to empower herself through education."

But Jackson, in the prosecution's retelling, "wanted to ride the express train straight to easy money." She launched a series of threats by fax, phone and letter in December and January, aimed at Cosby's lawyers, his network, his publishers and such corporate sponsors as Eastman Kodak and Philip Morris. It was that mass of letters, faxes and tape-recorded calls that the jury found persuasive.

Jackson wanted \$40m., later whittled to \$24m., otherwise, she said she'd sell her story to a supermarket tabloid. Attached to the fax she sent Cosby's attorney was a contract from the *Globe*.

## Rebels reportedly kill 38 Algerian villagers

PARIS (Reuters) — Suspected Moslem rebels killed 38 villagers in two raids on hamlets in Algeria last week in apparent retaliation for a government offensive on besieged guerrillas, Algerian newspapers said yesterday.

*Le Matin* said the 38 villagers were slaughtered overnight from Wednesday to Thursday by having their throats cut or through decapitation. Their bodies were buried.

Two other newspapers, reporting the same attacks, put the number of dead at 36.

Algeria's main Arabic language newspaper *Al-Khabar* said yesterday the rebels stepped up their attacks on villagers near the area where troops were besieging fellow guerrillas. The rebels hoped to ease the army's stranglehold and boost the militants' moral after the blow dealt to them.

It said government troops were reported on the verge of successfully ending the two-week offensive on a hideout where hundreds of guerrillas are holed up, *Al-Khabar* said.

"We divided up the (besieged area) into four sectors in order to comb them meticulously. The operation is not over yet but a great part of it was carried out," *Al-Khabar* quoted army officers as saying.

Algerian newspapers said up to 140 of the feared rebel Armed Islamic Group (GIA) were wiped

out since the military operation began on July 14 south of Algiers.

Antar Zouabri, the 27-year-old feared GIA leader, and many of his followers were believed to be among those killed in the military operation. Some newspapers expressed doubts about the reports.

A Moroccan radio said on Friday it had received a statement from the GIA denying reports that Zouabri had been killed.

But *Le Matin* said Zouabri's charred body as well as three corpses of other leading GIA rebels were found.

The Algerian authorities blame the GIA for the massacres and other killings of civilians in Algeria.

The latest massacre took place three days after Moslem rebels killed 47 people, mostly by cutting their throats, in two attacks in the neighboring Blida province, about 50 km south of Algiers, according to newspaper reports.

"At 2 a.m. we heard people shouting and shouting. Later we were attacked by gunmen wearing uniforms of paratroopers," said a survivor quoted by *Le Matin*.

*El Wajid* said about 50 rebels on board a truck, stormed Si Zouabri hamlet in Hajout area, some 65 km southwest of Algiers, killing 24 villagers by cutting their throats.

They then moved on to besieging Douch village, and slaughtered 12 more people, it said.

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# Cosby 'daughter' guilty of extortion

By PAULA SPAN

NEW YORK (The Washington Post) — Autumn Jackson put her hands and feet in a federal court in New York City on Tuesday, pleading guilty to a charge of extortion.

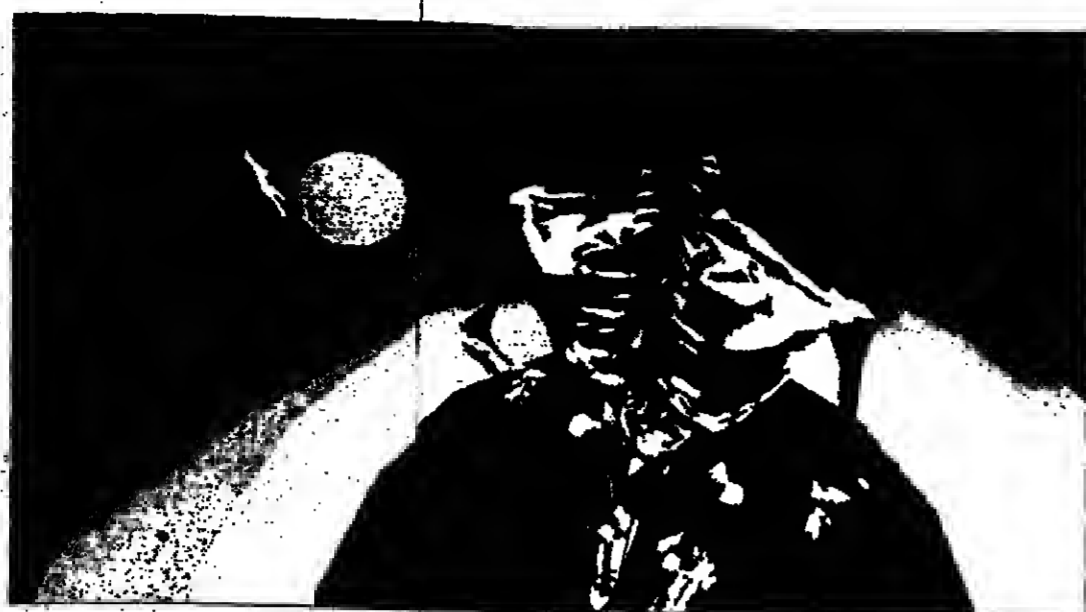
The 21-year-old daughter of the late actor Bill Cosby was charged with extorting \$100,000 from a former associate of her father's.

Prosecutors said she threatened to reveal embarrassing information about the man unless he paid her the money.

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A three-dimensional computer image by Silicon Graphics International

## 3-D takes on added dimensions

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

In the Eighties, the conventional wisdom was that color computer screens were nice but not essential. In the early Nineties, some computer experts concurred that three-dimensional color images were non-essential luxury. Today, all agree that visualizing 3-D objects on a two-dimensional computer screen — and being able to rotate them to see all angles — is a basic requirement for many computing uses.

Silicon Graphics International (SGI), the multinational computer hardware and software company that established a subsidiary in Israel nearly a decade ago, was a pioneer in both these fields and is now leader in Internet and intranet (internal computer communications for organizations) servers and a variety of other products for the 21st century.

Having been with Silicon Graphics-Israel for nine years — a lifetime in computer technology terms — managing director Alon Barnea suggests with a smile that such long tenure "would almost seem" if there's something wrong with me. I've seen so many generations of computer equipment since 1988, when I joined the company. But I've stayed on because Silicon Graphics is a real innovator, and I feel good about that.

Barnea, who received his master's degree in industrial engineering with emphasis on computer-aided manufacturing from Tel Aviv University in 1988, was offered a job at the subsidiary in Tel Aviv by one of his former lecturers, Dr. Alor Adler of Tecoomatix, which was a partner of the company. The mother company specialized in terminals for 3-D interactive software. "It was the first time that a company offered an off-the-shelf product that provided interactive 3-D," he recalls. "A few years ago, 3-D required inventing a new computer to work with imaging equipment, such as a computerized tomography scan or a magnetic resonance instrument; but now any software requiring 3-D visualization can be used directly on our machines. The company was the first to offer this technology on an affordable computer," he says.

SGI, with 11,000 staffers and \$4 billion in annual revenues, invested a lot of money in research and development on a computer that could generate sophisticated graphics abilities. It was also the first company to do symmetric multi-processing (in which each microprocessor can work simultaneously and "speak" to all the others). And having bought Cray, it is now one of the leading makers of supercomputers.

In 1988, SGI decided that Israel was a worthwhile place to do business and opened its first (and still only) subsidiary in the Middle East. The Israel branch has an annual turnover of \$20 million. "We are treated with respect by the mother company — like a middle-sized European operation, even though Israel is much smaller than that," says Barnea. There are 15 staffers at SGI-Israel, and an additional 17 at a sister company, Silicon Graphics Biomedical, which conducts R&D in Jerusalem's Ma'ana industrial park. "Every year, SGI founder Jim Clark organized a

'developers' forum' at headquarters in Mountain View near San Francisco. Last year, the company decided that it would hold such events at four sites outside the US. I suggested Israel as one venue, and indeed we were chosen along with London, Paris, and Munich. The event, which took place last October, went on for three days, with 250 senior computer developers. Ours was recognized as the most successful of the four, and next year the developers' forum will be in two sites outside the US — in Europe and in Tel Aviv."

The ability to visualize objects in their three dimensions has been a boon to telemedicine, in which patients are diagnosed and their tests studied by specialists in another city or even another continent. It is widely used in architecture and design. The Ford Corporation, for example, uses Silicon Graphics products to establish "virtual studios of collaboration" that allow car designers in various countries to work as a team. Only 15% of SGI's business is in graphics and special effects for movies, and the rest in powerful servers, which handle hundreds or even thousands of on-line computer users in any given second. With the boon of the Internet and intranet, SGI was ready with excellent number-crunching servers, competing against Sun and Windows NT. Asked to predict where SGI-Israel and its mother company will be going in the future, Barnea declines to look "so far ahead." Two years is more than enough, he says.

"You can't have your vision locked on concepts that become irrelevant." Feeling that he's perpetually on an escalator, always looking forward, Barnea says that with the joy of innovating, there is also frustration. "It can drive you crazy. I'm always pushing the envelope." But his staffers, who have remained a solid team, "feel they're part of something that is forging technological society. We aren't Microsoft, in that we don't set international standards, but we are a constant technology innovator." Barnea predicts that in the year 2000, and perhaps before, multimedia will move into powerful applications "that will be a virtual part of our lives. There is now a real fusion of fortunate circumstances: high-level compression technology, 3-D, an increase in bandwidth, improved modems, powerful servers, and the Internet. Video will be part of everything on the Net. Every electronic newspaper will have video as well, and the material will be 'streamed' for instant viewing instead of having to wait forever for a download. Teaching will be carried out widely via the Internet, with the instructor viewed on video."

With all this waiting to happen, Barnea's two daughters — aged six and four — still do not have a computer at home. "I was reluctant to get one because I wanted them to draw and paint and look at picture books and not to be distracted by a computer. Also, I work such long hours — I usually come home around 9 p.m. — that I knew if I had a PC at home, I would work even more." But Barnea is now ready to bring a computer home for the girls... and the shoe-maker's daughters will no longer go unshod.

### DISK-COVERY

# Knowledge multiplied, attention undivided

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

*Kamo Velama 1, a CD-ROM in Hebrew for ages five to seven, by the Center for Educational Technology (CET) in Ramot Aviv, NIS 219*

Rating: four stars out of five

*Po'him Heshbon 2, a CD-ROM in Hebrew for ages eight to 14, also by CET, NIS 199*

Rating: four stars out of five

As the summer wears on and your children or grandchildren begin to tire of TV, computer games, movies and the pool, you might try getting them back on the learning track. Exposing them to these worthwhile educational CD-ROMs by CET — the largest local producer of programs for use in the schools — is a good way to get them used to studying again in time for September 1.

Most computerized schools around the country use CET's Rama computerized curriculum, which tests pupils' knowledge on a wide variety of subjects, from Hebrew language and English to math and Arabic. The earlier versions lack sound or cartoon-like animation, but the latest version is more attuned to today's computer-wise pupil. The nonprofit software developer, recognizing the importance of the home market, has adapted many of its products for use on the pupil's own PC. The "CET Educational Library" is the result.

These two programs test math abilities, at beginners and intermediate levels. Since Rama uses exercises to test knowledge of a subject already learned in class, this disk doesn't teach the principles of each math topic, but measures understanding — giving grades in each subject at the end. *Kamo Velama* is based on the Education Ministry's first-grade math curriculum, using the plastic cubes and rods (*b'didim* in Hebrew) used to teach units of numbers. A package of these colorful bits are included in the box. Fifty-eight elementary math games, each testing a different subject, are offered on the disk.

*Po'him Heshbon 2*, covering the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade curriculum, allows the user to click the subject matter for each year separately. There are eight types of games in each — puzzles, mazes, matching, and linking dots to produce a figure — that let the user proceed after each correct answer.

The programs are well organized, with reasonable explanations of what is expected, available at the click of a "help" button. They are user friendly and have sound, but the animation is

relatively primitive (such as a golf ball rolling closer to its hole with each correct answer). When the user exits the program, it says "See you soon..." adding the user's name (registered the first time the program is used).

not only review material already learned, but forge ahead to new material not yet discussed in the classroom. Perhaps teachers would oppose such teaching, fearful that they are being replaced by a PC, but there is no real danger of this.

For users stumped by a problem, Edusys/Edusoft's *Mathematica*, a two-box series on math for junior and senior high school, provides step-by-step explanations of how an answer can be reached. Following this model would make CET's math disks even better.

If CET wants to offer pupils attractive edutainment programs covering the school curriculum, it could do even better by explaining the mathematical principles behind each subject. Thus pupils would

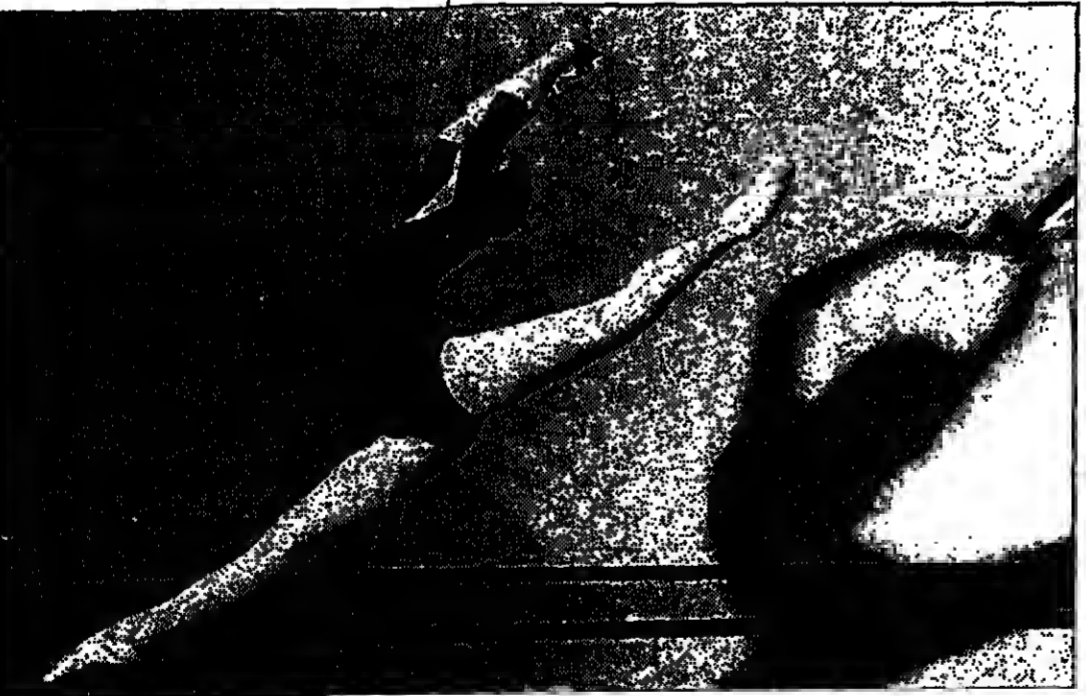
including the refrigerator, weighs only half a kilo and needs just 12 watts of energy.

The Technion researchers hope that the experiment will succeed and open the way for Israeli companies to enter the prestigious market of next-generation communications satellites based on superconducting components.

Unlike many local software companies, CET has invested much money and effort into providing technical help over the phone, Sundays through Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.,

*NOTE: The Triumph of Survival, the CD-ROM on modern Jewish history that was reviewed in the previous column, is available at Kohl Ze'ev stores and via the mail-order house MacPC Zone, as well as from Dovko's distributor, Alan Rosenbaum.*

### TELL ME WHY



## Not all dancers born with flexibility

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

How is it possible for elite dancers or contortionists to position their legs in such odd ways without suffering a dislocation of their hip joints? Are they in any way affected later in life or does this movement help to keep the joint mobile while as lesser mortals are starting to stiffen up? Sidney, Haifa.

Dr. Na'ama Constant, a family physician and sports medicine expert at the Wingate Institute, Physical Education in Netanya, responds: People with the ability to be a contortionist are quite rare. What makes this "talent" possible is incredible flexibility of the joints. This is caused by extreme laxity of the ligaments. Most of these people were born with this condition, and it is not always a blessing, as it may progress to a disease of the ligaments.

Ballet dancers may be born with flexible joints, but more often they gain flexibility by working out intensively. Too much flexibility can cause dislocation of joints, so both ballet dancers and contortionists must be very careful. The condition can become more serious as they age.

Unfortunately, such performers often think about their performance rather than about their health. They can give their joints some protection by strengthening certain muscles. A sports medicine expert can advise on exactly what needs to be done. In fact, we sometimes examine young people going into dancing or sports and we check joint flexibility. When necessary, we recommend certain exercises to strengthen muscles.

Would it be possible to heat homes cheaply by microwave,

without danger to humans, just as food is heated in the microwave? Micki, Sofia.

Prof. Tsvi Piran of the Hebrew University's department of theoretical physics comments: Microwaves heat water contained in solids by causing the molecules to vibrate. But one must not be in direct contact with microwaves, which are dangerous. Therefore, microwaves wouldn't be a safe and efficient way of heating rooms.

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### NEW WORLDS

## Electronic tourist guide marks way of future

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

The first computerized tourist information "kiosk," that with the touch of a finger allows visitors to make "virtual" trips to sites they want to see, has been installed in Jerusalem's Central Post Office on Jaffa Road.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who attended the recent inauguration ceremony, called the technology "a revolution in service to the public."

The Infotour 2000 electronic information kiosk, which operates in Hebrew and English, will eventually be installed in hundreds of post offices around the country. Initiated by the Ministry of Tourism, it was developed by the Golden Screen company. Up-to-date information about tourist sites, nature reserves, holy sites, hotels, tours, museums, events, transportation, entertainment, shopping, restaurants and other relevant venues is obtained by touching the screen with a finger. Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav says the system will be integrated into the state's 50th anniversary celebrations, which will culminate next year.

It is hoped that these user-friendly kiosks will also attract foreigners and Israelis to visit the post offices more often to make long-distance calls, buy stamps, purchase a calling card, exchange foreign currency,

redeem travelers' checks and use other financial services.

Postal Authority director-general Moshe Tery says the Authority has taken the first step into the electronic age. The systems can also be used to supply information on government and other public services to the Israeli public at large, allowing them to carry out on-line transactions and applications, thus making it unnecessary to go to the various offices.

### SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS

Superconducting materials — which at very low temperatures allow electrons to pass without any electrical resistance — have the potential for expanding available radio frequencies or bandwidth for telephone or TV transmissions. The Haifa Technion's Techsat-1 satellite, due to be launched in September, will carry out the world's first experiment on superconducting components for this purpose.

Prof. Emil Polturk of the physics faculty heads the team, in cooperation with the Technion's Space Research Center, that will test superconducting materials under space conditions: this is necessary before scientists can go ahead with development.

The lack of available radio frequencies and transmission space on satellites has limited their capacity. But scientists believe that supercon-

ductive materials can greatly increase the number of frequencies and have a significant economic impact.

including the refrigerator, weighs only half a kilo and needs just 12 watts of energy.

Because of little space on the Techsat-1 satellite, Kibbutz Ein Harod's Rikor company has produced a miniature refrigerator that can cool the components to minus 210° Celsius. The entire package,

the experiment will succeed and open the way for Israeli companies to enter the prestigious market of next-generation communications satellites based on superconducting components.

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## Red menace

Reports from Cambodia have for months tolled the death knell of the evil Khmer Rouge and its Hitlerian leader, Pol Pot. Torn apart by internal dissent, one faction is said to have turned against Pol Pot, first arresting him and this weekend sentencing him to "life imprisonment."

The unamusing irony of all this is that the allegedly defunct Khmer Rouge has been responsible, without itself firing a shot, for the bloody and chaotic collapse of the government in Phnom Penh in the coup led by Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, who ousted First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh. The two prime ministers had attempted to share power in a ludicrous and rickety coalition government. This was the forlorn legacy of the United Nations' most massive and expensive exercise in peacekeeping and nation-building, which culminated in UN-run elections in 1993.

Hun Sen said he was forced to take action because Ranariddh, who had been negotiating peace with the Khmer Rouge, was trying to smuggle defectors from the hated militia force into the capital to boost the strength of troops loyal to him. It already was an oddity promising trouble to have army factions considered "loyal" either to Hun Sen or Ranariddh — rather than to Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge has been spreading disinformation about its own demise, while in reality

gaining military and political advantage from the increasingly bitter squabble in the Phnom Penh coalition. A close aide of the now-deposed Ranariddh said, without a trace of irony, that a planned Khmer Rouge attack on Hun Sen's troops would have been "a way of protecting the constitution." No doubt the ordinary Cambodian citizen could scarcely wait for another round of Khmer Rouge constitutional order of the sort that slaughtered more than a million in the days of the Killing Fields.

It is hard to imagine a more warped lust for power than that of politicians who would play games with the lethal Khmer Rouge at the expense of the Cambodian people. In addition to being genocidal murderers, the Khmer Rouge are notorious liars as well. In more than a decade of guerrilla warfare since being overthrown by a Vietnamese invasion, they have shown no sign that they have abandoned the struggle to regain power. The Khmer Rouge will never end their bid to subjugate the country again.

By masterminding dissonant and civil war between the two equally incompetent, undemocratic, and self-centered prime ministers, the unreformed Maoists have added political infiltration and subversion in the capital to their armed action in the jungles. They may metamorphose and change shape like some science-fiction alien, but their evil and their objectives remain unchanged.

## Some president

Countries sometimes have leaders they don't deserve thrust upon them — like Iraq. Others seem unable to resist masochistically tempting fate by themselves electing bloodthirsty dictators — as Liberia has just done. The landslide victory of Liberian warlord Charles Taylor last week was reported by one news agency as "a vote for peace in a nation torn apart by seven years of civil war." Torn apart by whom? One may quizzically ask.

Comments reported by ordinary Liberians who had voted for the wretched Taylor seemed more painfully naive — "He killed my family, but he proved he's strong and Liberia needs a strong man," said one. "He started it all, so only he can fix it," said another. Taylor's election via a farcical exercise in pseudo-democracy is just one more tiresome example of the old Africa every optimist persists in telling us is dead. Nobody should be surprised if the next move is a referendum "to ensure stability" by installing

a president for life. Farewell Mobutu Sese Seko, hello Charles Taylor.

Taylor is a corrupt and utterly brutal warlord, and everyone who voted in his massive 65 percent victory knows it. His war against the late Samuel Doe — slashed and tortured to death — and his escapades in jungle warfare, marked him as ruthless and primitive. A criminal being held on embezzlement charges, he first had to break out of an American jail in Massachusetts before going home to invade his own country on Christmas Eve, 1989. He discovered a new talent for tribal and ethnic atrocities before being halted by a peacekeeping force sent in by the West African states to stop the slaughter.

Liberia was established 150 years ago by the United States for those released slaves who wanted to return to Africa and live in freedom. Charles Taylor is as far as it has come in 150 years. Some freedom. Some president.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**MISOGYNY**  
Sir, — Herb Keinson and the people he interviewed (July 4) have made a valiant attempt to defend poor, misunderstood Rabbi Ovadia Yosef from the supposedly hostile secular press, which stands accused of fanning the flames of interecnic hatred by quoting "out of context" the learned rabbi's statement that "a man should not walk between two women or between two donkeys... because women do not busy themselves with Torah, and those who walk by them will become like them."

Rabbi Yosef has a lot of gall to stand with those blocking women's access to Torah, and then condemn them because they are not learned in Torah. And his vicious words come against a background of numerous physical attacks by haredi men on "immodestly dressed" women, in exactly the same style and with exactly the same purpose as the attacks by fundamentalist Moslems on unveiled women.

A lot of us, secular and religious, are getting sick and tired of insidious attempts to legitimate racism and misogyny under the guise of "the unity of Israel" or "mutual understanding."

MARTIN J. GIDRON  
Tel Aviv.

**INSULTING**  
Sir, — Your report of July 7, "Netanya chief rabbi blasts Reform in High Court brief," was, to say the least, the most revolting and disgusting insult to the vast majority of the Jewish people.

The bigoted rabbi states amongst other insults that family purity is unknown to Reform Jews and that carcasses and unclean animals are their regular food. Before the rabbi again launches another tirade against the Reform Jewish community, let him remember for one moment that, when the six million Jews were herded off to the gas chamber during the Holocaust, there was not a separate line for Orthodox Jews and a separate line for Reform Jews.

The rabbi also states that the Reform Movement is a sect that is very far from the religion of Israel and its tradition. I would like the rabbi to know that the founder of the Reform Movement in South Africa, Rabbi Weiler, lost two fine young sons who were killed in action while serving in the IDF.

The rabbi must be told in no uncertain terms that he is no better a Jew than the 90 percent of the Jewish population of the US which belongs to the Reform and Conservative Movements.

BASIL KREZTZMER  
Tel Aviv (Johannesburg).

**REFUSAL TO FORGIVE**  
Sir, — With reference to Jack Barrett's letter of June 16, "Missionary activity," I wonder if it is not time for the Jewish people to try to stop pointing a finger at the Christian community worldwide, and take stock of some very hard facts.

It is true that all the things that Barrett mentions were done to the Jews and, if we go back to the so-called Crusades, to others also. They were, indeed appalling deeds and I, along with countless other Christians, have wept tears of shame.

But it is also true that, in the last decade or so, thousands of Christians and Christian leaders have sought to repent (of deeds not done by them personally) and to offer love and support, and seek the forgiveness of the Jewish people. It is also true that many "unsung" Christians lost their lives, and those of their families, because they spoke out against antisemitism and stood with Jews during hard times, particularly during the Holocaust.

The hatred generated by refusal to forgive and unresolved bitterness is serious for all communities, including the Jewish one.

PATRICIA FLEMING  
Tynron, Scotland.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On July 27, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan had refused McMahon's statement and claims that according to the documents entrusted to him by his father Sherif Hussein, the Arabs believed that Palestine was included in the pledges given to them by Great Britain for cooperation in the war against the Turks in 1915.

German Templers in Jerusalem and Sarona announced that whatever the future of Palestine may be they would never leave this country.

50 years ago: On July 27, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that The Palestine Broadcasting weekly much listened to Review of the Hebrew Press by Mr. M. Medzini had been canceled. It was explained that Mr. Medzini had not felt able to review the press comment on the arrival and the deportation of the Exodus 1947 refugees "within the framework permitted by PBS."

25 years ago: On July 27, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that a Moscow court found the Jewish activist Gabriel Shapiro guilty of "evading military reserve training" and sentenced this red-haired husband of an American Jewish girl to one year of "corrective" labor. Shapiro, who had renounced his Soviet and has accepted Israeli citizenship, told newsmen that he was kept in the Soviet Union by force and considered this a crude violation of his human rights.

Mr. Zerah Warhaftig, the Religious Affairs Minister tells the Knesset that family purity is the true solution to the problem of *manzerim*. He failed to understand why the case of only two proclaimed *manzerim* in Israel attracted such widespread attention.

Alexander Zivli



## Other private parts

We house them abysmally, their passports are illegally confiscated, their pay is peanuts. But when they are no longer functional, we are only too ready to break them down for spare parts.

In the first half of this year, foreign workers killed in work or traffic accidents made up half of the organ donors for human transplants in Israel.

The donation of the organs of eight workers — from Romania, Russia, Bulgaria and China — was arranged by the Health Ministry with the families of the deceased. Some families agreed in return for the ministry's defrayal of the costs of flying the remains of their loved ones home.

This practice recently came under severe criticism from senior doctors, who maintain that it is skirting perilously close to government trade in human organs.

In the first half of this year, according to the ministry, there were only 19 donors of organs for transplant, including the foreign workers; senior officials working in the field say there were only 17. There were 42 Israeli donors during the whole of 1996. Match this with the list of 1,042 patients currently awaiting heart, lung, liver and pancreas transplants. Statistics say 5 percent of them will die waiting.

To complete the picture, comparing ourselves with the US, where there are 45-50 donors per million population, we ought to be seeing 250-300 donors a year here. It would go a long way to relieving the people on that waiting list.

provide them with the appropriate organ if the price was right? And offering financial compensation for organs would clearly put paid to voluntary donations.

Another alternative is a scheme practiced in many European countries known as "contracting-out" or "implied consent." Under this system, dead body tissue is considered to be state property, and organs are assumed available for transplant unless their owner specifically registered an objection.

Although it clearly provides a healthy supply of organs, this system too has its problems. Any mistake in the registry could lead to organs being used against a person's will, and the elderly, infirm and uneducated, who might find it hard to register their objection, could be put at a disadvantage.

To be realistic, neither "contracting-out" nor operating a bourse in human organs seem appropriate for Israel.

There is a halachic injunction against *habala* or causing physical damage to the body, such as occurs when a health person's kidney is removed.

But Rabbi Dr. Melech Halperin, who works at Shaare Zedek's Schlesinger Institute for Medical Halachic Research holds that when the purpose of the removal is to prolong another person's life, improve his or her quality of life, or forestall suffering, this can be defined as "dire need," which overrides the injunction.

Under these circumstances, Halperin even acknowledges that, an individual subject to certain restrictions, has the right to sell his kidney.

Of course, there are other halachic authorities opposed to transplants in general — particularly the transplant of unpaired vital organs, because of spiritual factors such as the injunction to bury swiftly and with respect the entire body of any deceased; and problems centering around the question of brain death as a single determinant of "real" death. (Britain's eminent chief rabbi Lord Jakobovits, who wrote his doctorate on medical ethics, does not accept brain death as final, only the total cessation of all heart activity.)

In contrast, many halachic authorities hold that *pihah nefesh*, the inexorable Jewish ethic upholding the sanctity of life, overrules these objections. And other halachic authorities counter Jakobovits' view by saying that breathing, which stops with brain death, is the single criterion of life.

Israel's Chief Rabbinate has given its approval for heart transplants, and Rabbi Gadia Yosef ruled last November that kidney donations should be encouraged.

A ruling publicized in June 1996, by Rabbi Shlomo Afiar, a leading rabbi in the National Religious camp, puts the case for carrying donor cards most succinctly.

"Not only is it permissible, it is a big *mitzva*," he said. "There is no *mitzva* comparable to saving a life. Someone who saves one soul, it is as though he has saved a whole world."

(For donor card information, call Agudat Adi at 03-920248.)

The writer, a religious educator from Kibbutz Alumim, has completed a research project on the bioethics of organ transplantation.

## With the system of voluntary donation producing a pitiable yield of organs for transplant, something must be done

WITH so many lives in the balance as the ailing and anxious wait, poised between hope and fear, for the organ they so desperately need, it is clear that we cannot rely on foreign workers. We need to increase public awareness, leading to more people carrying donor cards.

Unpleasant as it may be to contemplate, perhaps something positive could emerge from our appallingly high road casualty figures.

In deciding whether to become a potential organ donor, many Israelis, religious and secular, seek the guidance of religious figures. Last year's campaign by Agudat Adi, the national donor card information agency, to increase the number of citizens carrying donor cards did indeed center around rabbinic approval of transplants.

## Limitless love

PATRICIA DALTON

I recently had a couple in my office, both professionals, who were having problems with their son, a middle-schooler. They were particularly concerned because he seemed so unhappy and so explosive.

Almost as an aside, they mentioned that he had been shoplifting. They had never asked him about the new clothes and other items he was bringing into the house because they "dreaded confrontation" and didn't want to make him any more miserable.

I wish I could say I was shocked. I wish I could say it was an aberration. Certainly there are many parents who know how to establish a clear, bright line between behavior that is right and behavior that is wrong.

But the current generation of parents seem almost bewildered about some of the most basic principles of child rearing.

When did parents become more concerned about their children's happiness and self-esteem than about their sense of morality and basic decency? Many parents are so influenced by psychological theories about child rearing that they disregard common sense. Some are critical of the way they were raised, and are searching for another model.

Then there's the New-Age view: Children come into the world uncorrupted, and are best raised using principles of noninterference. "No" is a dirty word and children should be given choices and explanations; punishment and adverse situations should be avoided as much as possible.

Tired, guilty parents make bad disciplinarians. One mother

## Parents who won't say no pay the price

arrived home after a week-long business trip to find her son had failed to change the cat litter while she was gone. So she did the job herself.

"I didn't have the heart to make an issue of it," she said.

If parents find it difficult to enforce mundane limits, they'll be lost when it comes to dealing with big issues.

It takes a confident, purposeful parent to say to a pleading 14-year-old daughter, "No, you aren't going to the festival" and remain resolute.

Saying "no" might cause some tension, but it won't permanently damage the bond a parent has with a child.

IT is ironic that parents sometimes pit discipline against love. In reality, they are two sides of the same coin. "There is security in limits" is a mantra therapists and teachers hear over and over in their training.

Parents who subscribe to this notion tell their children that they love them too much to let them behave terribly; smart ones also have too much self-regard to put up with their kids' nonsense.

Discipline builds self-esteem. Most kids crave limits, if they are administered fairly and clearly.

One 13-year-old girl, brought to my office by her parents because she was having trouble in school, told me one of her girlfriends' parents "don't seem to care enough about the problems she is having to bring her to a shrink." She was letting me know she was glad her parents had intervened.

Actually, some tension between parents and children is not just normal, but desirable. It assists children in achieving the independence necessary to master certain stages of development. Parents need to understand they can't kill their kids with kindness.

I have counseled many children who have problems making and keeping friends. Their parents often intervened in their fights with other children, rather than letting them work things out.

Children need to learn the laws of the jungle firsthand so they can find a sense of competence to face the inevitable slings, arrows and diversities.

The impaired effectively, discipline needs to begin at an early age. Research in child development tells us there are windows of opportunity for learning everything from language and motor skills to learning increasingly complex feelings, from simple distress and contentment to more complex emotions like joy and pride and shame.

The window for feelings of empathy and the related formation of conscience begins somewhat in the second year. It fades during the 11th.

Once a child is close to adolescence, the conscience is formed. After that, it's too late.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



How big were the dinosaurs? The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia reconstructed this skull of the largest meat-eater ever found — the 15-meter-long, 8-ton Giganotosaurus carolinii. That little thing between its teeth is a human skull.

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ON LANGUAGE

Jammed names

By WILLIAM SAFIRE

Typo-poetry is a treat for the eyes. John Kearney, of Marina Del Rey, California, noted this from Variety, the weekly...

anchorpeople become hyperarticulate.) Before "inner caps," companies and products used hyphens. Sun-Maid, Star-Kist and Saniflush followed the 1925 Old Grand-Dad...

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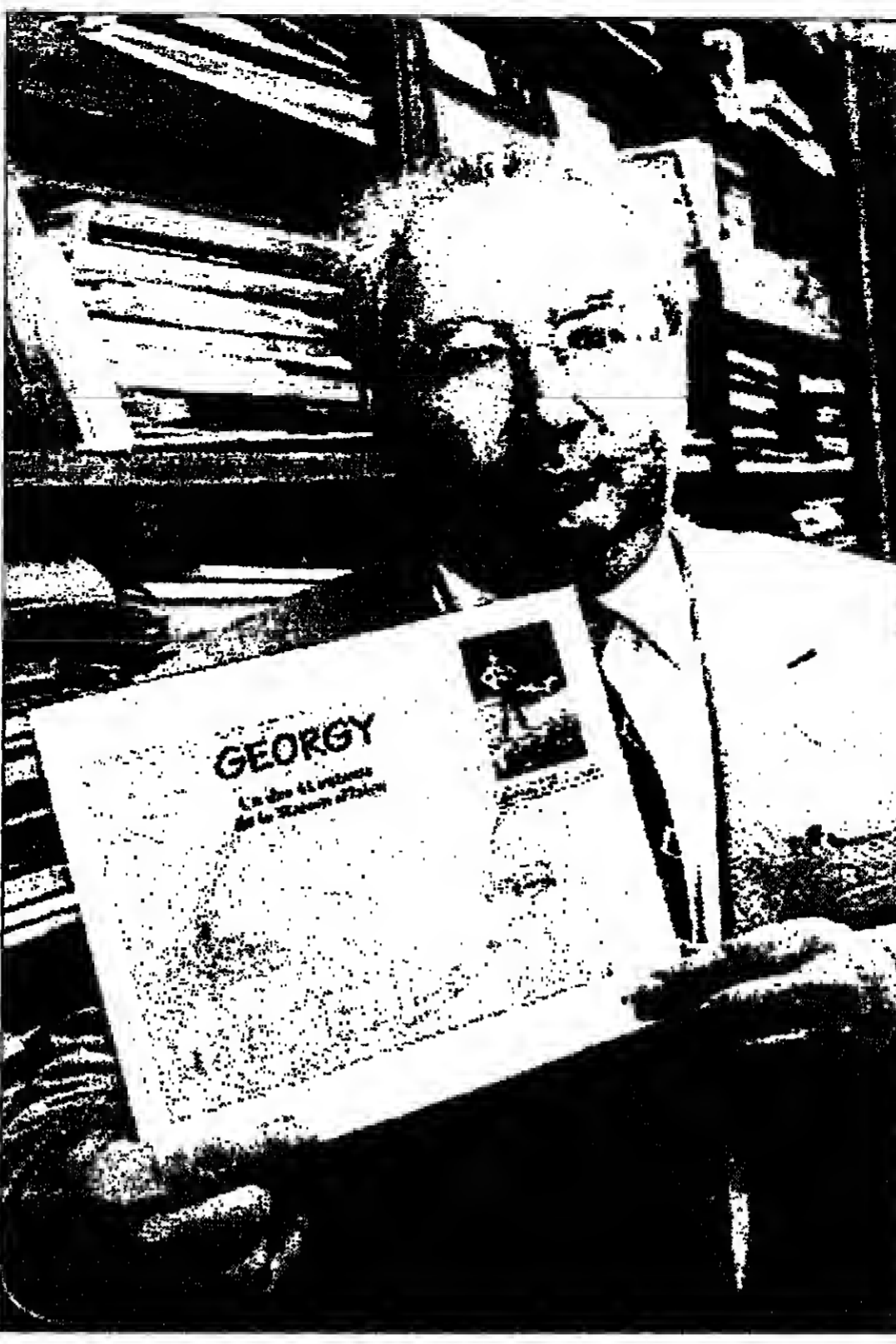
Buffalo Bill's defunct, he illustrated the rapidity of the Western showman's shooting with "onetwothreefourfive pigeonsjustlike that."

"New" Testaments have been running into some theological flak, I have received this compromise suggestion: "Holy Scriptures."

Criminal art

A judge in The Hague sentenced Bosnian Serb Dusan Tadic to 20 years in jail for war crimes, dinners at a London restaurant were admiring a collection of paintings he completed in his prison cell while awaiting his fate.

Moslems. Tadic has consistently denied the charges and his lawyers have lodged an appeal. Fewer than 80 people went to see the exhibition this weekend, at the Mediterranean-style restaurant...



'Georgy: One of the 44 Children of Izieu,' a new book by noted Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld, pulls the eight-year-old Holocaust victim out of darkness and oblivion.

A Nazi-hunter's children's story

By MARILYN AUGUST

He might have grown up to be an artist or a writer, or perhaps a dentist, like his father. But Georgy Halpern never got the chance.

swimming, showing off a pair of new boots, posing with his proud parents who would later give Klarsfeld the material for the book. They are excruciatingly painful reminders of a life cut short by Hitler's Final Solution.

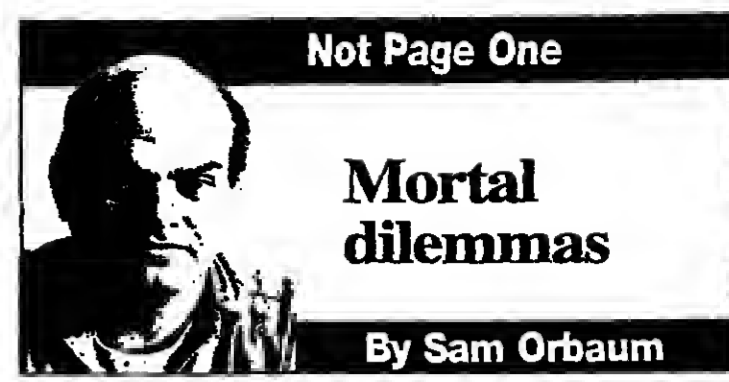
to symbolize all the young victims of the Holocaust because he had the most information about the boy's life, thanks to regular correspondence with the Halperns, who settled in Israel after the war.

"Georgy was the happiest child at Izieu. He was the only one whose parents had not yet been deported."

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Not Page One Mortal dilemmas

By Sam Orbaum

Physicians used to work under the banner "Save the patient at all costs." Now it's more like "Save the patient? At what cost?" As fast as medical science advances, its parallel Pandora's box advances even faster.

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# Four horsemen of the ice: The NHL comes to Israel

By LIONEL GAFFEN

The 15th Maccabiah was the first to bring together athletes to compete in a winter sport - ice hockey - which took place in Metulla.

Four of these fine men - two from Canada, the eventual gold medalist, and the others from the silver medal USA squad - either have played, or are currently playing in the National Hockey League.

Mike Hartman 31, player, coach and captain of the USA team, has more NHL experience than the others combined, and sports the ultimate in his profession: the Stanley Cup.

During his 12 years in pro hockey, nine of which were spent in the NHL, he played with the Buffalo Sabres, Winnipeg Jets, Tampa Bay Lightning, and in 1994, helped the New York Rangers to a Stanley Cup win.

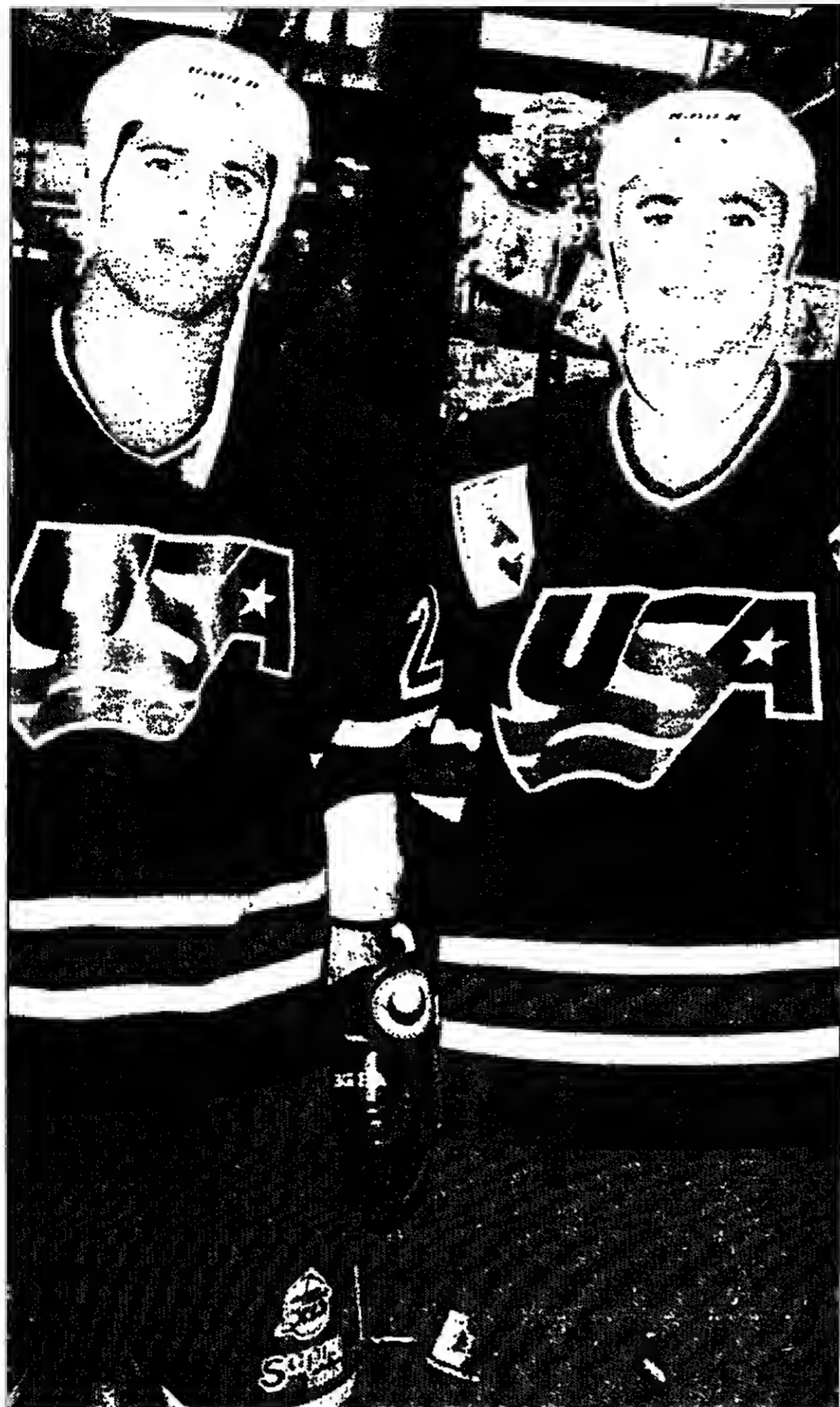
"Playing with the likes of superstar Mark Messier was a great inspiration for me. He knows how to win, how to prepare himself for a game and how to inspire others. It's almost impossible to emulate a guy like that, but you can learn so much from him, and if I'm given the opportunity to coach, I'll try to pass on what I've learned."

Hartman managed to complete a degree in business during his years as a pro, and after his career comes to a close, in two or three years, he will have the option of either continuing in the game as a coach, or going into business.

Justin Doberman 27, of the USA team, played a number of years in the Pittsburgh Penguins farm system, and one full season with the parent club. Currently, he plays in England, along with a growing number of former NHLers, as the sport has really taken off there. "The money is good, the fans adore us, and once my playing days are finished, I'll head back to school to complete a degree in business. Getting to play in the NHL was the dream of a lifetime."

Brian Wilks 31, of the gold medal Canadian team, and a native Torontonian, also played just one year in the NHL, with the Los Angeles Kings, and then played for an additional five seasons in their farm system, before an injury ended his career, and prompted him to return to school to complete a degree in psychology, and another in accounting, the field in which he now works. He came back to hockey on a fulltime basis in order to compete in the Maccabiah.

David Nemirovsky, almost 21, is currently in the second year of a four-year pact with the Florida Panthers. He joins his brother Mikhail on the Canadian Maccabiah squad. His family came from the



Mike Hartman (left), formerly of the New York Rangers and Justin Doberman. (Lionel Gaffen)

Ukraine, where he and his younger brother - who now plays in the Montreal Canadiens' farm system - were born. After his family settled in

Toronto 21 years ago, he played for Ottawa as a teenager, and made his debut in the NHL in 1995. All of them, in their own way and in their own words, expressed

joy at playing for their respective squads. Without the Maccabiah, who can say how long it would have taken them to identify more closely with their heritage?

# Golf legend Ben Hogan dies at age 84

FORT WORTH, Texas (Reuters) - Golfing legend Ben Hogan, a gritty competitor who staged one of sport's great comebacks by bouncing back from a near-fatal car accident to dominate golf, died on Friday after a long illness. He was 84.

Hogan's secretary Pat Martin said he died early on Friday, just hours after entering a Fort Worth hospital with bronchitis.

Hogan, who underwent surgery for cancer of the colon two years ago, had 63 PGA Tour career victories, placing him third behind Sam Snead (81) and Jack Nicklaus (70) on the all-time list.

His greatest year was 1953, when he won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments: the US Open, the Masters and the British Open.

Four years earlier, Hogan's legs were shattered in a car crash but he scrambled back to the top by showing his trademark single-mindedness and gritty determination, winning six of the first nine Majors he played on his comeback.

Appreciative Scottish golf fans impressed by his tenacity dubbed the diminutive Hogan "Wee Ice Man," adding to his previous nicknames of "Banana Ben" and "Hawk." Hogan's comeback was chronicled in a 1951 movie on his life titled, *Follow the Sun* starring Glenn Ford.

Hogan won a total of nine major titles in his career - two Masters (1951, 1953), four US Opens (1948, 1950, 1951, 1953) one British Open (1953) and two PGA Championships (1946, 1948).

He practised incessantly despite the pains caused by his accident.

"I don't know of anyone who worked on his game like Ben Hogan," Byron Nelson, another golfing great who learned the game



Ben Hogan pictured at the 1940 PGA Championship. (Reuters)

with Hogan and competed against him for many years, said in a recent television interview.

"He was a slow mover but when he got started, he was a superb player," Nelson said.

Born in Dublin, Texas on August 13, 1912, Hogan first entered the golf world as a caddy at a country club in Fort Worth, where his family moved after his father committed suicide.

Hogan won his first tournament in 1938 and emerged as one of the sport's greatest players in the 1940s.

His last major victory was at the British Open in 1953 and his last

victory ever was at the 1959 Colonial, which he won five times.

In later years, as with so many golfers, his putting touch deserted him, and he played his final tournament in 1971.

Hogan then devoted himself to the golf equipment company that bore his name, but was still frequently seen putting in hours of practice at a course near the Fort Worth home where he lived with his wife, Valerie. They had no children.

His book, "Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf," remains a teaching classic that still applies to this day.

# FIFA probing reports Saddam's son had Iraq soccer team beaten

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA is investigating reports Saddam Hussein's son had the Iraqi national team beaten after they lost to Kazakhstan and were eliminated from World Cup qualifying competition, an official said Friday.

"An inquiry has been launched," FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said, adding that the world body was asking sporting contacts in the Middle East for any information.

Herren said FIFA is taking the accusations against Oday Hussein, Saddam's eldest son and the Iraqi soccer federation president, extremely seriously.

"It's an unusual situation. You hardly ever hear anything like that," Herren said.

Iraq were eliminated from qualifying on June 29, after they lost their second match - their away leg - against Kazakhstan in Asian first-round qualifying Group Nine.

Iraq lost 2-1 to Kazakhstan in Baghdad on June 6 and then again 3-1 in Almaty at the end of the month. Kazakhstan completed the first round with a 4-0-0 record atop the group, while Iraq were second with six points (2-0-2), ahead of only Pakistan (0-0-4) in the three-team group.

Only the ten group winners advanced to the second round.

Herren said FIFA had contacted the Iraqi Football Federation, the Asian Football Confederation and the two FIFA observers who attended the June 29 match and probably were the closest outsiders with the two teams before and after the June 29 match.

FIFA can also use diplomatic channels if needed, he said.

No hearings have yet been scheduled, Herren said. "It will probably take some time."

The *Observer* reported last weekend that Oday ordered the Iraqi team to be taken to a military base and to be caned on the soles of their feet and beaten on their backs.

Earlier this month, Iraqi dissidents claimed that Oday ordered the team to be imprisoned and tortured and to have their hair and mustaches shaved off on their return to Iraq from the match in Kazakhstan.

The Iraqi National Congress, a London-based umbrella group representing several Iraqi opposition groups, claimed that Oday is still unable to walk following an assassination attempt on December 12. Gunmen shot Oday 10 times as he sat in his car in a Baghdad suburb. The attackers, reportedly, have not been caught.

# Hill's successor at Williams is feeling the pressure

HOCKENHEIM, Germany (AP) - The Formula One season is in its second half and the pressure is growing on Heinz-Harald Frenzen, the driver who replaced world champion Damon Hill at Williams-Renault.

Although Hill won the drivers' championship last year, his contract with Williams was not renewed. Jacques Villeneuve kept his place, while Hill's slot went to Frenzen.

The season has not gone according to the expectations of Frenzen or his boss, Frank Williams, and Frenzen's grace period may be coming to an end.

"Pressure motivates me," Frenzen said last Thursday as he prepared for today's German Grand Prix, the 10th of the 16 Formula One races this season.

Frenzen has only one victory and two other finishes in the points - among the top six - this season. With 19 points, he is a distant fourth in the drivers' standings.

His teammate Villeneuve is second with 43, four behind two-time defending champion Michael Schumacher. Jean Alesi is third with 21.

"I knew it would be a challenge at Williams, but if you look at the points, obviously it's not what I expected," Frenzen's misery was compounded by his mistake at Silverstone two weeks ago, when he stalled his car at the start of the British Grand Prix.

"It was a terrible feeling. It was my mistake. It was my first mistake and I am only a human being. It won't be the last," Frenzen said.

Frenzen said he had talks with team boss Williams and with Patrick Head, the chief engineer. He has also practiced starts.

The German driver declined to provide details of his talks with Williams officials, but he openly admits having problems with Head.

"He hasn't gotten over the generation gap," Frenzen said.

"There are often differences of opinion between Head and the dri-

vers," he said. Frenzen said the Williams car was not so superior as it was in Hill's days.

"The others are catching up, especially Ferrari," Schumacher has driven his Ferrari to three victories this season and he has been more consistent than Villeneuve, who is trailing although he has one more victory.

Frenzen says it's time to forget about Silverstone and look ahead. "I am excited to be racing in front of my home crowd again."

After Silverstone I now know how it feels to make a mistake at Williams.

"I knew this time would come so I'm glad it's out of the way so I can get on with putting the record straight and scoring some good World Championship points," he said.

Villeneuve won in Silverstone and the Williams cars are also given a good chance at Hockenheim's fast track. Hill won here last year for Williams.

LONDON (Reuters) - England's cricket chiefs are being urged to consider staging floodlit matches when they host the 1999 World Cup.

Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amiss put forward the idea following the outstanding success of a pioneering venture at his county's Edgbaston ground on Wednesday night.

The Birmingham venue was the scene of the first-ever day-night competitive cricket match in Britain, with a bigger-than-expected crowd of 15,174 watching Warwickshire beat Somerset by 35 runs in a rescheduled Sunday League 40 overs game.

Gate receipts and corporate hospitality produced a profit of £70,000. Warwickshire's total revenue through the turnstiles last season was only £40,000.

The spectacle was witnessed by England Cricket Board (ECB) officials including cricket operations manager John Carr.

Amiss said: "We showed them people will come and watch cricket in the evening and maybe the board have to think this is the way forward, maybe for the World Cup, an international match next year or via

# Call for floodlit cricket in '99 World Cup



SEEING THE LIGHT - The first-ever floodlit cricket match in England was a friendly between Lancashire and Yorkshire, played last week at Old Trafford. (AP)

more (Sunday) League matches.

"We've a one-day international here against South Africa next year and I think the board should seriously consider staging it as a day-night match," Carr said. "I was very impressed with the level of interest from the crowd and the atmosphere was more like that of an international match."

"As regards things like the World Cup, you don't want to get too carried away and run before you can walk. There was a novelty value last night and it was a good evening weather-wise."

"There are day-night matches in other parts of the world so it is a sub-

ject already talked about. But the better things go and the more expectations are exceeded like last night, the more feasible such things become." Floodlit matches were a feature of the last two World Cups, in Australia and New Zealand in 1992 and on the Indian sub-continent in 1996.

# Athens athletics world championships face financial nightmare

By COSTAS PARIS

ATHENS - Vicious divisions and a late start in preparations have created a financial nightmare for organisers of the sixth IAAF world championships opening on Friday.

The championships were awarded to the Greek capital after Mexico City turned them down for lack of funds and although the final cost is expected to be around \$36 million, projected revenue is only \$7.3 million.

Added pressure has been placed on the organizers - with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voting in September for the host city for the 2004 Games.

"This is the big one. The eyes of the world are on Athens for the championships one month before

the International Olympic Committee votes for the 2004 venue," said one senior government official.

"Athens wants to prove it is the best candidate." Although Gothenburg, the 1995 host city, was given \$7 million by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the Greek federation SEGAS agreed to undertake the project with no funding.

Soon the bills were running high, including \$4 million for security measures which include 15,000 police on duty throughout the championships.

Sports under-secretary Andreas Fournas and former SEGAS president Stratos Mollivas spent a year publicly insulting each other on who was responsible for the mess and who had the upper hand in running the event, putting all preparations on hold.

"With about 10 months to go we had to rush to find suppliers and had no choice but to accept their high prices," said the championships' general manager Vangelis Savramis.

"They knew we were in need and in no position to negotiate." One week before the start, the Olympic stadium still resembles a giant construction site with workers installing new cabling, replacing broken chairs, painting interior walls and installing desks and telephone lines for the media.

"Things always take time in Greece but in the end it all works out fine," Fournas said. "Right now I am under a lot of stress but I know that on August 1 all will be fine." The championships' financial failure is raising questions about Greece's Olympic bid. Yanna Daskalaki, the Athens 2004 bid committee president, has said if Athens wins the

Games the cost would be \$1.3 billion and revenue about \$1.6 billion.

"If we get the Olympics, I fear there will be widespread mismanagement of funds," Savramis said. "Greeks will end up paying for years after the Games are held." The championships will be scrutinized by some 40 visiting IOC members before the September 5 vote.

Almost all the 110 IOC voting members will visit Greece within the next three weeks, enjoying the usual generous hospitality and meetings with the senior government officials including Prime Minister Costas Simitis.

"I am against these extravagant services for IOC members," Savramis said. "This effort to impress your visitors is not the best way to win the Olympics." Athens, which lost the 1996 Games to

Atlanta, is second favorite to Rome to stage the 2004 Olympics. The other three finalists are Stockholm, Cape Town and Buenos Aires.

The world athletics championships at the 80,000 seat Olympic stadium will feature 300 athletes from 200 countries.

The opening ceremony at Athens' marble Panathinaikon Stadium, site of the first modern Olympics in 1896, will include a concert by Oscar-winning composer Vangelis with a spectacular special effects show.

"We wanted to make this championship different and bigger than the others held so far," said Fournas. "We see it as a mini-Olympics." (Reuters)

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# Israel youth side beaten 2-0 by France

By ORI LEWIS

Israel's national youth soccer side, suffered their second loss in as many matches at the European Championship finals in Iceland yesterday when they were beaten 2-0 by France.

The Israelis, who lost 3-0 to Switzerland in their first outing on Thursday, have no chance of advancing to the later stages of the competition and their final group game against Ireland tomorrow will be their last in this event.

The French went ahead in added time in the first half after two minutes earlier, Yossi Benayoun had a goal disallowed for offside.

Patrick Mauriel's low header just before the referee's whistle, when he pounced on a rebounding free kick which hit the post, sent the Israelis to the dressing rooms in a demoralized state.

The French secured victory five minutes from time with a penalty taken by Sebastian Brocalet.

France lead the four-team group with six points from two wins, while Switzerland and Ireland each have three points from one win.

Israel are bottom of the group on zero points and have yet to score a goal.

France look likely to win the group and advance to the final, while the second-placed finishers will play off for third place against the runners up in the tournament's other group.

# Mac. Haifa crush Rishon in Toto Cup

By ORI LEWIS

Most people may not have noticed it, but this weekend marked the opening of the new local soccer season.

It began with a very low-key fixtures list in the Toto Cup, while most enthusiasts were still more intent on getting a sun tan at the beach than splitting sunflower seeds in the grandstands.

The number "five" was the most notable in the weekend's action: Maccabi Haifa crushed Ironi Rishon LeZion 5-0 at Kiryat Eliezer; Hapoel Beersheba also notched up a bandful against nineman Hapoel Haifa in the Negev, although they let in one; and some 5,000 soccer-hungry spectators turned up in Ashkelon to see newly-promoted Hapoel in their first match in the top flight.

It went badly for the Ashkelonis, as they were beaten 3-1 by Hapoel Beit She'an.

In other matches, Hapoel Petah Tikva and Maccabi Tel Aviv drew 1-1, as did Hapoel Jerusalem and Maccabi Petah Tikva on Friday.

Hapoel Kfar Sava beat the other newcomers to the National League, Ironi Ashdod 1-0.

Two matches were not held: Betar Jerusalem v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, due to Betar's late arrival from their European Cup clash in Macedonia; and Maccabi Herzliya v. Bnei Yehuda.

Herzliya's budget has not yet been approved by the IFA's financial comptroller, a matter the club expects to have in order before the league proper get under way next weekend.

## Major League Baseball

National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	38	.631	-
Florida	53	42	.560	5 1/2
New York	51	45	.529	7 1/2
Montreal	48	48	.500	10
Philadelphia	30	70	.300	33
Central Division				
Houston	55	48	.534	-
Pittsburgh	51	52	.490	4
St. Louis	48	55	.475	6
Cincinnati	43	57	.430	10
Chicago	43	60	.417	12
West Division				
San Francisco	57	48	.553	-
Los Angeles	54	49	.524	3
San Diego	50	45	.485	7
Colorado	48	55	.466	9

American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	61	38	.613	-
New York	58	42	.580	3
Toronto	49	49	.500	11
Detroit	47	53	.470	14
Boston	37	68	.350	25 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	52	44	.542	-
Chicago	51	45	.529	1 1/2
Minnesota	46	52	.469	7
Minnesota	46	54	.460	8
Kansas City	40	57	.412	12
West Division				
Seattle	58	44	.569	-
Anaheim	56	45	.554	1
Texas	48	53	.475	9
Oakland	42	62	.404	17

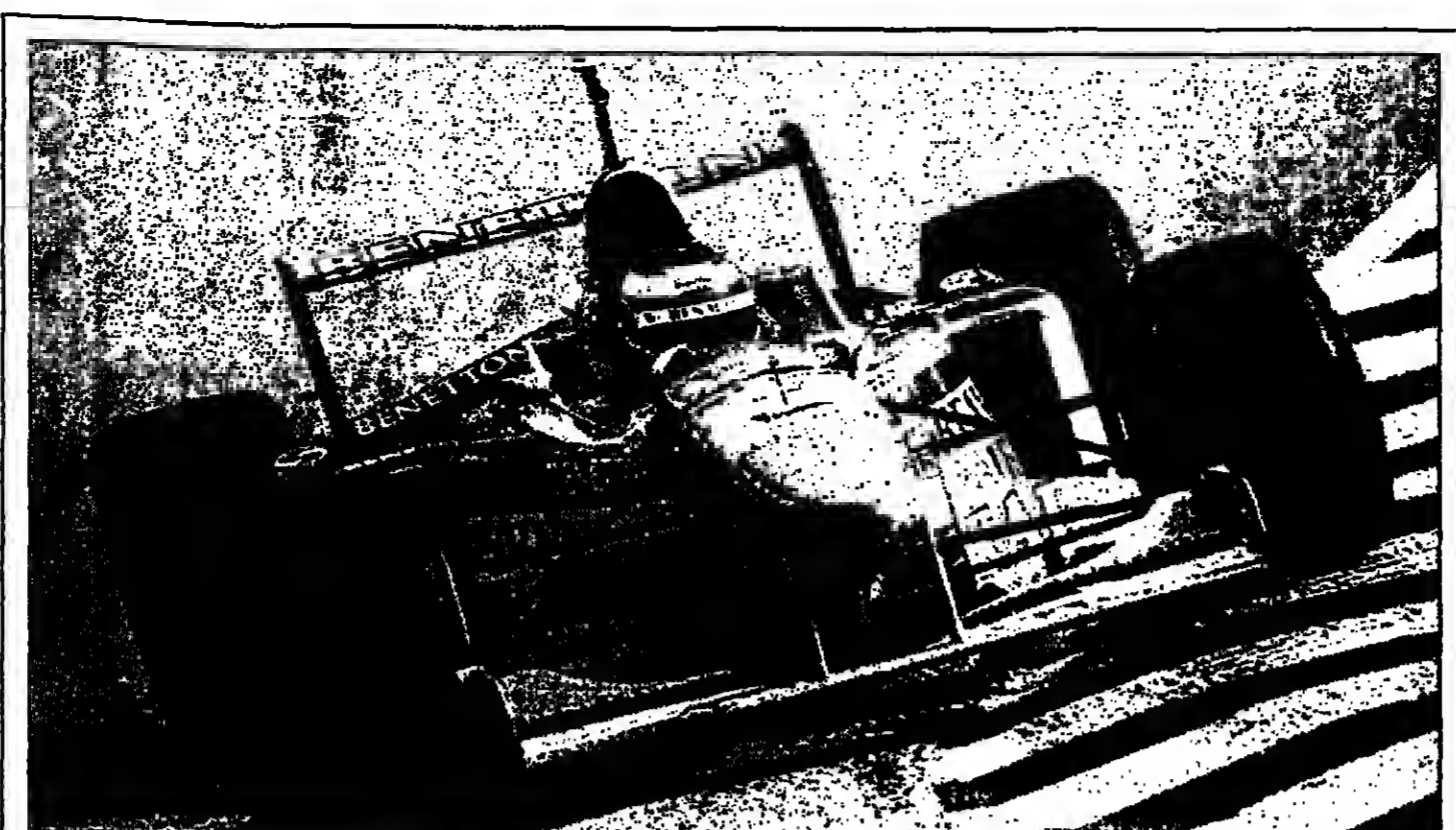
Thursday's NL games: Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 4; San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 6; Houston 10, Montreal 5; Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 1; NY Mets 3, Los Angeles 1.

Friday's NL games: Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 3; Florida 5, St. Louis 4; Houston 5, Montreal 2; Colorado 9, Chicago Cubs 3; Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1; NY Mets 4, San Diego 2.

Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2.

Thursday's AL games: Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3; Boston 3, Oakland 0; Seattle 11, Cleveland 1; Toronto 5, Milwaukee 4; Chicago White Sox 2, Texas 1.

Friday's AL games: Anaheim 5, Boston 4; Tampa Bay 2, Cleveland 1; Milwaukee 6, Detroit 1; Seattle 1, NY Yankees 1; Toronto 2, Kansas City 1; Texas 8, Chicago White Sox 5; Minnesota 5, Baltimore 2.



Leading from the front  
Austrian Formula One driver Gerhard Berger, driving a Benetton, clinched pole position at yesterday's qualifying session for today's German Grand Prix at Hockenheim. (Reuters)

# Aussie Ashes juggernaut held up by the rain

LEEDS (Reuters) - Rain rescued England on the third day of the fourth Test at Headingley yesterday after Australia lost just one wicket while moving 201 ahead in the two hours of play available.

Australia reached 373 for five by scoring at more than four runs an over in the morning session, ended a few minutes early when the bad weather set in.

Tasmanian Ricky Ponting completed his first Test century and went on to 127 before giving a skied catch to Mark Ealham at backward point off Darren Gough.

Ian Healy came in and ended the session unbeaten on 27, with Matthew Elliott 164 not out.

Ponting's was a splendid innings and contained 19 fours and one six. He fully justified his recall after being dropped during the home series with West Indies eight months ago.

"I'm glad to have made the most of my chance," said Ponting.

"It was tough trying to get back into the side early on. Playing Sheffield Shield I tried to make things happen, but they didn't."

"When I came in to bat it was a bit of a tricky situation but we

tried to be positive and it paid off. The wicket flattened out and we started to get the ball into the gaps.

"Now it's important that Matthew Elliott and Ian Healy go on. A lead of 300 would be great because we think the pitch might do something a bit later."

Every run that Elliott scores adds salt to England's wounds after he was dropped in the slips by Graham Thorpe on 29 and twice more later on Friday.

Assuming the rain eventually holds off, England are likely to face a tough examination by Shane Warne as the leg spinner pitches into the footmarks made by their weary bowlers.

The weather forecast predicts only "one or two showers" for today followed by a dry and warm final day tomorrow.

On Friday, opener Elliott reached 134 to put Australia well on the way to victory after pacerman Jason Gillespie had wrecked England by taking seven for 37.

He left Australia on 258 for four in their first innings after dismissing England for 172.

Elliott and Ponting turned the match Australia's way after they

England first Innings (overnight 106-3)

M. Butcher c Blewett b Reiffel	24
A. Atherton c Gillespie b McGrath	41
A. Stewart c Blewett b Gillespie	7
M. Hussain b Taylor b McGrath	26
D. Headley c S. Waugh b Gillespie	22
G. Thorpe b Gillespie	15
J. Crawley c Blewett b Gillespie	2
M. Ealham not out	8
R. Croft c Ponting b Gillespie	5
D. Gough b Gillespie	1
M. Smith b Gillespie	0
Extras (b-1lb-4w-1nc-12)	21
Total	172
100 balls: 1-43 2-68 3-103 4-138 5-154 6-154 7-163 8-172 9-172	
Bowling: McGrath 22-5-67-2, Reiffel 20-4-41-1, Gillespie 13-4-1-37-7, Blewett 3-0-17-0, Warne 1-0-2-0.	

also looked in trouble after losing their first four wickets with only 50 on the board.

But the pair then took the attack to the England bowlers with an unbroken partnership of 208 for the fifth wicket.

Gillespie had earlier destroyed England hopes of a reasonable first innings score after night-watcher Dean Headley had aided captain Mike Atherton to give the home side a solid start after they resumed at 106 for three.

But after Headley had made a confident 22, he became Gillespie's first victim of the day to leave England on 138 for four.

England then collapsed miserably, adding only a further 34 runs. Their last six wickets fell for only 18 runs in the space of 54 balls.

When the visitors batted, Darren Gough had captain Mark Taylor caught behind by Alec Stewart before a run had been scored and then removed Greg Blewett the same way for one.

Headley then dismissed the Waugh twins Mark and Steve cheaply and Australia also looked in trouble.

Australia first Innings (overnight 258-4)

M. Taylor c Stewart b Gough	0
M. Elliott not out	164
G. Blewett c Stewart b Gough	1
M. Waugh c&b Headley	8
S. Waugh c Crawley b Headley	4
R. Ponting c Ealham b Gough	127
Headley not out	27
Extras (b-5lb-7nc-30)	42
Total (for 5 wickets)	373
100 balls: 0-1 2-16 3-43 4-60 5-318	
To bat: S. Warne, P. Reiffel, J. Gillespie, G. McGrath	
Bowling (to date): Gough 28-5-104-3, Headley 12-1-1-105-2, Smith 18-2-89-0, Ealham 10-2-3-24-0, Croft 16-1-45-0, Butcher 2-0-14-0.	

# All Blacks too strong for Australia

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - Holders New Zealand clinched the Bledisloe Cup and put one hand on the Tri-Nations championship with a 33-18 victory over Australia yesterday - a performance described by coach John Hart as proof of his side's outstanding resolve and character.

Hart described the All Blacks' emphatic victory, coming only one week after their stirring comeback win against South Africa in the series opener, as a sensational team effort.

"We showed tremendous resolve," said the coach, who had complained beforehand about his players' heavy travel schedule and lack of recovery time.

"It was the biggest challenge for an All Black side in many years - to win in Johannesburg and then in Melbourne."

"It was a sensational performance given what we have gone through. It was a clinical and quite decisive win," he said.

The rampant New Zealanders displayed no sign of fatigue by scoring three tries to two in front of a record 90,119 crowd in the first rugby union Test to be staged at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

New Zealand dominated in all areas in the unfamiliar surroundings, normally the venue for cricket and Aussie Rules football, to take an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three match Bledisloe Cup series.

Veteran center Frank Bunce, winger Jeff Wilson and full back Christian Cullen scored tries as the

# Sri Lanka rout India to win Asia Cup

COLOMBO (Reuters) - World champions Sri Lanka, spurred by impressive innings from their openers and skipper, routed India by eight wickets to win the Asia Cup at home yesterday.

They won in style, batting second and knocking the 240 runs needed for victory with 13 overs to spare.

"Sri Lanka played like world champs and we didn't have a chance," said Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar.

Their fielding was excellent with about two or three superb catches. We fell short by about 20 or 30 runs," he added.

Sanath Jayasuriya set the pace for Sri Lanka with a blistering knock of 63 off 52 balls (two sixes, eight fours) sharing a first wicket stand of 137 off 109 balls with Mavan Atapattu.

After the quick exit of Aravinda de Silva, who made six before holing a return catch to Saurav Ganguly, skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and Atapattu shared an unbroken third wicket stand of 96 runs off 104 balls to seal Sri Lanka's victory.

Atapattu finished with an undefeated 84 scored off 101 balls with one six and six fours to take the Man of the Match award, his second in the competition Ranatunga was unbeaten on 62 scored off 67 deliveries from three sixes and five fours. The innings carried his series tally to 272 runs from four matches at an average of 136.00 and gave him the Man of the Series award.

The victory ended India's run as Asia Cup champions since 1988. They had defended the title successfully in India and in Sharjah.

It was Sri Lanka's second Asia Cup win following their first in 1986 when they last hosted it.

Earlier former captain Mohammed Azharuddin scored 81 to steer India to a total of 239 for seven wickets after Tendulkar had won the toss and decided to bat first.

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# SPORTS

in brief

**Tour time-trial triumph for Olano**  
PARIS (Reuters) - Abraham Olano finally came up trumps when he won the 20th stage of the Tour de France, a 63-km time trial at Disneyland Paris yesterday.

The Spaniard, who has had a disappointing Tour, was 45 seconds faster than overall race leader Jan Ullrich who is set to be crowned winner on the Champs Elysees today.

Olano just failed to snatch third place overall from Italian Marco Pantani who suffered a puncture.

Defending champion Bjarne Riis's woes continued when he twice had to change wheels in the opening section. He finished 9:12 adrift of Olano.

The Dane threw his bike into the grass verge in disgust when he realized he needed a second change.

**Walsh named Windies captain for Pakistan tour**  
ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuters) - Fast bowler Courtney Walsh has been appointed captain of the West Indies cricket team to tour Pakistan later this year.

Walsh, 34, retains his position ahead of brilliant but temperamental 27-year-old batsman Brian Lara, who is widely regarded as captain-in-waiting.

Walsh has led the West Indies in their last four Test series but this will be his first tour to Pakistan as captain.

The Jamaican fast bowler, who replaced the retired Richie Richardson after the World Cup last year, has led the side to winning series against New Zealand, India and Sri Lanka, while losing 2-3 to Australia.

**Favre gets richest NFL contract**  
GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (Reuters) - Brett Favre, who guided the Green Bay Packers to their first Super Bowl triumph in nearly three decades, was given a contract extension on Friday reportedly making him the highest-paid player in the National Football League.

The seven-year deal was announced Friday at a news conference at Lambeau Field, a day before the Packers host the Miami Dolphins in their preseason opener.

Terms were not disclosed, but the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* reported that Favre has signed for seven more seasons.

The contract, the paper reported, includes a signing bonus of \$12 million, will average between \$6 million and \$6.5 million per year and obligate Favre to the Packers through the 2003 season, when he will be 34.

# Rain spoils Gooch's retirement party

LONDON (Reuters) - Former England captain Graham Gooch's retirement party was spoiled by the fickle English weather yesterday.

Essex fans were hoping for a swashbuckling knock from Gooch on the final day of his first-class career. But rain cut almost four hours from the day's play and the championship game against Worcestershire ended in a tame draw.

Gooch denied himself the opportunity of a 651st first-class innings for Essex before bringing down the curtain on his 25-year career.

Worcestershire skipper Tom Moody offered to declare after Graeme Hick had completed a second innings century to ensure his side were safe from defeat.

But the offer was turned down by Gooch. He bowled two overs as Worcestershire batted through to the close.

The Worcestershire players then lined up to give him a guard of honor as he left the outfield.

Gooch, 44, had been given a standing ovation by the 3,000 crowd when he led out Essex at the start of the morning's play with high hopes of signing off with a victory.

Gloucestershire were the only side to beat the weather. They needed just 41 minutes to complete an innings victory over Durham at Cheltenham.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks up as inflation fears ebb

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks opened higher Friday morning, heading into record territory for the fourth straight session amid continued optimism that inflation remains tame.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.97 at 8,136.90, building on Thursday's 28-point climb that took the blue-chip index above 8,100 for the first time.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by an 11-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 60.70 million shares, up from Thursday's early pace.

Broad-market indexes were also higher. The Standard and Poor's 500 list was up 3.02 at a record 943.50, the NYSE composite index was up 1.20 at a record 488.51 and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 1.39 at 658.44.

The Nasdaq composite index was also higher, up 7.05 at 1,576.15. Helping boost the Nasdaq was Dell Computer, up 2.38 at 172.38, and Microsoft, up 1.75 at 139.78.

Stocks surged Friday morning, following three straight record-setting sessions that lifted the Dow over 210 points. The Dow has now gained over 26 percent this year, equalling its rise for all of 1996.

Most of the gains this week have been attributed to the encouraging midyear report to the U Congress by Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan on Tuesday. The Fed chairman did not hint of any imminent increase in the central bank's key lending rates.

In March, Fed officials nudged a key rate higher to slow the economy and as a pre-emptive strike against inflation. Since then, the Fed has decided against further rate hikes, which could have hurt profit growth.

WALL STREET WEEK

Wall Street set for 'summer recess'. Greenspan's tone, as always, was cautious. The Fed stands at the ready to boost interest rates if inflationary pressures flare up.

Wall Street never truly rests, never packs up for August like most of Europe, but if there is a summer respite, it usually comes as the tide of second-quarter earnings reports begins to ebb.

And thanks to a strong profit showing and some reassuring words from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, the next few weeks may actually provide an opportunity for some rest and stability after a chaotic run, a chance for a raging bull market to catch its breath without collapsing.

Naturally, any unexpected run on the road could easily trip a rally that's added a stunning 1,700 points, or 27 percent, to the Dow Jones industrial average in slightly more than three months.

But if there was ever a time prime for some clear summer sailing, it could be now. The market's most reliable demons, inflation and interest rates, were safely tucked away for a few weeks when Greenspan delivered his midyear report to Congress last Tuesday and Wednesday.

There was always the suspicion that he might return to his concern about the exuberance, the concern that stock prices had risen to frothy levels, said Tracy Herrick, chief investment strategist at Jefferies and Co. "But he's chosen to wait."

"Instead of trying to say he can evaluate the market, he said he's going to get out of the way and respond."

FRANKFURT - Shares closed a lackluster floor session down nearly half a percent but bounced back into positive territory in late trade, capping a record-breaking week. The DAX 30 index closed at 4,317.64, down 18.10 points, or 0.42 percent, giving a rise of 121.11 on the week. In later screen-based trade the IBS DAX index ended at 4,368.54, up 48.02 points, or 1.11 percent.

ZURICH - Shares ended little changed in quiet pre-weekend trade as the positive effect of a firmer dollar was offset by some profit-taking. The Swiss market index closed at 5,847.00, down 2.22 points, or 0.04 percent. There was a rise of 109.9 on the week.

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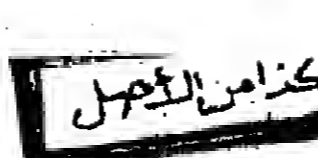
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# US not extending Palestinian law

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The Clinton Administration has reversed course and decided not to seek an extension of a law overseeing US-Palestinian relations, potentially harming Washington's role in the peace process.

The State Department's legislative bureau informed a number of House and Senate offices late last week that it does not intend to pursue a temporary extension, Congressional sources said yesterday.

The law in question is the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA), which was enacted following the Oslo I accord and allows the president to waive various prohibitions on US-PLO relations. It will expire on August 13.

Because MEPFA was not likely to be rewritten by the time Congress adjourned Friday for its month-long summer recess, it was anticipated that the current law would be extended by 60 or 90 days, as has been the case in the past.

The administration's decision is puzzling, as it will have repercussions on several aspects of the US-Palestinian relationship: the PLO's K Street office would be ordered shut, no aid could be transferred to the Palestinian Authority and the US would have to vote against UN and World Bank funding for the PA.

The decision "contradicts everything [US special envoy Dennis Ross] has told us, which is that there will be significant consequences if this lapses, that it will be seen by the Palestinians and the Arabs as a US bias," a Congressional source said.

Just a week earlier, a senior US official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the administration was pushing for at least a temporary extension of the law.

Administration officials could not be reached for comment Friday.

Members of Congress also are perplexed by the lack of a clear Israeli government line on whether or not it supports a MEPFA extension. During their recent visits to Capitol Hill, Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh and prime ministerial adviser Uzi Arad gave answers to questions on the subject that were "as twisted as a pretzel," according to one Congressional source.

The White House decision came as it also informed Congress last week that it would not submit its required semi-annual report on Palestinian compliance with

its peace commitments. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, for one, was said to be adamant that the compliance report be submitted as mandated - or no extension.

Congressional and diplomatic sources here believe that the US report, which by various calculations was to have been sent to Capitol Hill by last Wednesday, was not submitted because the administration was concerned it could not truthfully state that the PLO was in compliance. As a result, the sources said, US-PLO relations will remain the same, but the administration is spared either the embarrassment of having to declare the PLO in violation of the accords or the wrath of Congress for certifying PLO noncompliance during a period when a PA official called for the death penalty for Arabs selling land to Israelis.

the PA is seen as having instigated the Hebron clashes and Israel caught PA police on their way to committing a terrorist act.

Should Israeli-Palestinian talks resume by the time both houses reconvene in early September, they added, the improved atmosphere would allow for the Administration and Congress to cooperate to rewrite MEPFA for the long term.

However, if the situation does not improve, it could be months before the law is extended and renewed. Even when it is, members of Congress - especially in the House - are eager to strengthen the bill to put greater pressure on the PA to deliver on its security obligations. Said a Congressional source of the bill's imminent death: "Once it expires, it'll be much tougher to get a new Act."

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Vienna	16	27	partly cloudy
Zurich	15	22	partly cloudy

## German Jewish leader slams Swiss banks over list

BONN (Reuters) - Germany's Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis criticized Swiss banks yesterday, saying they should have published the names of holders of dormant Holocaust-era accounts much earlier.

Bubis told Saar radio in an interview that Swiss banks had in the past refused to give out information about the accounts and said the publication of nearly 1,800 names, including possible Holocaust victims, in newspapers across the world and on the Internet was belated.

"I'm convinced this is only the tip of the iceberg and that there are many more (dormant) accounts," said Bubis, who is widely respected in Germany and accompanied German President Roman Herzog

on a trip to the US last week.

The Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles said the list of accounts included at least eight prominent Nazis or collaborators.

The director of Germany's center for investigations of Nazi crimes, Willi Dressen, told Reuters his researchers would sift through their records, which include 650,000 names, to check whether convicted Nazi war criminals had held any of the accounts, but already had suspicions about some names on the list.

The Swiss Bankers' Association pledged to follow up tips from watchdog Jewish groups about suspected Nazi names and pass on the names to the Swiss Federal Banking Commission and Swiss government.



**Gifted students nurture understanding**  
Six gifted students join forces after taking part in a two-week international conference on ethics in science and the humanities at the Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences, in Jerusalem. The 100 participants were given the challenge of creating an international curriculum in which developing awareness and understanding is inherent. Pictured from left are Andrew Hawryluk (Canada), Britt Christenson (Australia), Meital Levi (Israel), Nalo Jackson (US), Lotzos Christu (Cyprus) and Mamar Faidi (Jordan). (Joe Malcolm)

## Czech Republic okays compensation payment

By MARILYN HENRY

The Czech government has agreed to pay 20 million crowns (\$580,000) to a Jewish foundation to settle claims on gold and jewels that were confiscated from Slovak Jews during World War II and later transferred to the former Czechoslovak state bank.

"What I see in this is the importance of taking care of one of the residues of the Holocaust, a residue where the moral issue was never in doubt," Czech Deputy Foreign Minister Karel Kovanda said on Thursday in Prague.

The Czech Finance Ministry had valued the gold and jewels at 32m. crowns (\$950,000), Kovanda said. Using a formula for dividing the assets of the former Czechoslovakia, the Czechs

are to pay two-thirds of the total to a foundation set up by the Slovak and Czech Jewish communities.

Jozef Weiss, director of the Slovak Union of Jewish Communities, said he was satisfied with the arrangement.

Kovanda's announcement was welcomed by the US State Department, which has been pushing for the restitution of Jewish property in Central and Eastern Europe since 1995.

Prior to World War II, 70,000 Jews lived in the Slovak part of Czechoslovakia; today there are 3,000. The Slovak state paid the Nazis 500 marks per head to cover the cost of "removing" Jews to extermination camps. In 1993, Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

## Mother of US ambassador to Switzerland on list

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Madeleine Kunin, the Swiss-born American ambassador to Bern, has joined the growing roster of those who were stunned and surprised by last week's publication of dormant bank accounts in Switzerland. Her mother's name was on the haunting register.

"I was shocked. My mother died in 1970, and my brother and I were never aware that she left

any money in Switzerland," she told *The New York Times* on Friday. "She was not a woman of means."

Kunin, once the governor of Vermont, was a refugee whose German-Jewish father committed suicide in Zurich before the family fled Switzerland in 1940, across the Italian border, fearing the Nazis would invade.

The likelihood that Kunin is an heir to a Swiss account has created a ticklish diplomatic situation for the US, which has been both gently prodding Switzerland to proceed for a full-scale inquiry of its relations with Nazi Germany, and assailing it, saying it violated its neutrality during World War II.

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## IDF to get new anti-tank missiles from Rafael

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IDF units will be equipped with a new anti-tank missile known as the Gill, which more than doubles the range of the outdated US-supplied Dragoo missiles.

The missile, also called the Small Spike, was developed and

built by the Armaments Development Authority (Rafael) and has entered low-rate production after meeting the operational requirements of the IDF. *Jane's Defense Weekly* said.

The anti-armor missile has a range of up to 2.5 kilometers, which protects the operator and the launch platform from countermeasures. Rafael also says the Gill is simple to operate and can be used in bad weather.

It will replace the Dragon, which has a range of about 1,000 meters.

According to *Jane's*, the Gill is a "fire-and-forget" missile

designed to kill any target on the battlefield, including main battle tanks and hovering helicopters. *Jane's* also said it was being offered for sale to the Netherlands and the US. Its nearest competitor is the Javelin, built by Texas Instruments/Lockheed Martin, which last month won a \$745 million contract to supply the US Army.

A second Rafael-developed missile is the Spike, which has a 4-km. range and reportedly weighs 20 kilos. This missile is guided by a fibre-optic link during the initial stages of flight before locking onto the target for

the final attack phase, *Jane's* said. The Spike, like the smaller version, has a lofted trajectory, allowing it to be fired from behind the horizon.

Rafael has also developed a third missile called the Long Spike, or NTD, which is designed for launch from helicopters and is being offered to Poland as part of an upgrade package for its existing Coboppers, *Jane's* said. Details of the missiles' warheads were unavailable, but *Jane's* said they were probably fitted with a tandem warhead allowing it to penetrate targets fitted with explosive-reactive armor.

**Winning cards**  
The winning cards in Friday's Chance draw were the eight of spades, ace of hearts, seven of diamonds and queen of clubs.

**'In the family' melanoma testing recommended**  
By JUDY SIEGEL

People with at least two first-degree relatives who have contracted melanoma should go for testing for a defective gene responsible for 8-12 percent of cases of this often-fatal skin cancer. The test for the gene, discovered by a US research team several years ago, is conducted in Israel only at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem.

Dr. Avraham Zlotogorsky, of the dermatology department, Dr. Tamar Peretz, of the Sbarret Institute of Oncology, and Dr. Michal Lotem of both departments have written a survey of molecular biology of melanoma in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

There were 38,300 melanoma cases and 7,300 melanoma deaths in the US last year. The latest figures in Israel, from 1991, record 440 new melanoma patients (compared to only 31 new cases in 1966).

Most melanoma is due solely to environmental causes - overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. But in one out of eight to 12 of melanoma patients, the defective gene is passed from parents to children who are at high risk for the disease, especially if exposed to sunlight. People with one first-degree relative who have had melanoma have three times the risk of the general population; with two such relatives, the risk is 13.9 times as high. If the disease was diagnosed in one relative before the age of 50, the risk is 6.5 as high, the Hadassah doctors write.

However, having a relative with melanoma does not mean that one will necessarily get the disease as well. If a patient has had melanoma once, the risk of having another bout is greater than in the general population.

The authors note that one can't control genes, hair or eye color or skin type, but can reduce to a minimum one's exposure to the sun's rays.

Meanwhile, Lotem and her colleagues are the first in Israel to produce patient-customized vaccine against melanoma with cells taken from the patient's own tumor and cultured in the lab. The technique was developed at the Jefferson Medical Center in Philadelphia 10 years ago. The cells have to be taken from a "fresh" tumor, and the patient must have no other chronic diseases. Over the past year, 15 Hadassah patients who suffered from melanoma in the past have received eight vaccinations, one every 28 days, which boost their immune system in a so far successful effort to keep the cancer from returning through metastases.

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